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People, pets and patriotism

Local Fourth of July celebrations had something for every age and every taste, from ice cream and a pet parade in Albany to music of many types in El Cerrito. During the Albany Fourth of July Celebration at Memorial Park on Wednesday, (above) Brandon Kindie, 6, at right, and his dad John Kindie, won first place in the most unusual pet contest with their chicken Ophellia. At the Memorial Park festivities, Emma Berger, 8, prepares to accept the first place prize for the most talented pet contest (right). Emma won the contest when she accompanied her dog Sasha's vocals with an accordion. In El Cerrito, a dozen homemade carnival games for children have helped make the Fourth of July celebration an old-fashioned good time for a decade. The games are cheap — 25 cents each or \$1 for five — and easy to win. Every child goes home with several silly prizes, from balloons to plastic rings to toy cars. "We spent only \$5 on tickets and it's been entertaining our kids for a long time," said Heather Patterson, a Richmond resident who came to the event with her husband, Mike, 4-year-old son, Andrew and 2-year-old daughter, Grace. Andrew said his favorite game was the Sucker Pick. The game is as simple as its name: Children pick a lollipop from a dozens sticking out of a board. If there's a purple dot on the end of the stick, they get a prize as well as the candy. "I got a car and a lollipop," Andrew said proudly. Music on the main stage at the Community Center and at the third annual world music festival across the street at Cerrito Vista Park kept celebrants entertained all day.



City implements medical upgrades

■ Training and equipment are funded under a measure passed by voters last year

By Matt Petersen

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — With the passing of the Fourth of July — always highlighted with a big red X on calendars in firehouses nationwide — the Albany Fire Department was a tad more equipped this year than Independence Days of years past.

On Tuesday, the AFD finalized its upgrade of emergency medical services from basic life support to advanced life support. Each engine now will be equipped with advanced medical and lifesaving equipment that will ensure 100 percent coverage of Albany in the occurrence of a crisis if the main ambulance is already on a call.

The AFD will also maintain its standard on-the-scene response time of 3 minutes, 30 seconds. Before July 1, the department's two engines were stocked with basic life support devices limited

to administering oxygen and basic first aid. With advanced life support capabilities, engines will now be equipped with a "mini-ER" to give care equivalent to the first 30 minutes of treatment that an emergency physician would perform.

The department is now ready and able for any incident, from carrying out an emergency tracheotomy to subduing a nasty bee sting. The upgrade "is a wonderful thing for the community, absolutely wonderful," said quality assurance nurse Gail Porter, who has been overseeing the staff during its six-month transformation. "There were many ranking officers that have not been working on rescue units, now everybody will be up to speed."

In the November 2000 election, Albany voters passed Measure N to fund paramedic advanced life support on fire engines and future ambulance purchases. The measure was passed by 69 percent of the 7,677 voters who voted on the measure. Its passage ensured yearly net

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School trustees cut budget to cover costs

■ Classes for disruptive students among programs district can't afford

By Suzanne Pardington

STAFF WRITER

SAN PABLO — West Contra Costa schools trustees have cut \$1.3 million from next year's budget to help pay for a salary increase that left the district more than \$5 million short this year.

The district was able to absorb the extra costs this year with money left over from the previous year. Next year, state revenue will increase by about \$6 million, but expenses also will go up with inflation, employee raises and higher benefits costs, said Assistant Superintendent Eve Manalo.

She said the district's expenses outpaced its revenue by \$5.3 million this year due to a 10 percent raise granted last fall for all district employees.

In a 3-1 vote last week, trustees eliminated \$900,000 for suspension alternative classes at secondary schools, \$200,000 for supplies and \$100,000 for two teachers at Harbour Way Academy, among other cuts in the \$241 million budget it passed for

the 2001-02 school year.

Superintendent Gloria Johnston said the district cannot afford to pay for the suspension alternative classes, where disruptive students are sent for instruction instead of being sent home. The classes have a student-to-teacher ratio of 5-1. The district will work with schools to come up with new alternatives to avoid suspension, she said.

Trustee Patricia Player said the classes suffer from poor student attendance and a shortage of full-time staff. "We definitely need to find a new way to address student attendance and tardies," she said.

Glen Price, the only trustee to vote against the budget, said he felt the cuts fell too heavily on student services, and should have been shared more equally by administrative offices.

"I felt that the Harbour Way and SAC cuts really impact students who need the most services," said Price. "I felt we were leaving our schools without resources to provide services to students who need them the most."

Trustee Karen Leong Fenton did not attend the meeting.

School trustee eyes Assembly seat

■ Charles Ramsey is running for the seat held by Dion Aroner

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

OAKLAND — Charles Tillman Ramsey is off and running and plans to be the next state assembly member for District 14. Incumbent Dion Aroner cannot seek reelection because of term limits and El Cerrito resident Ramsey says he's the man for the

job.

"I want to be this community's advocate," the 39-year-old Ramsey said in an interview last week at his Oakland office. "Dion Aroner has done a very good job representing us and I want to continue to be that voice."

"I'm running for the state Assembly because I'm from this community; I know this community. I've represented this community; I work in this community everyday. I know the constituents in this community and believe that this community deserves to have a representative who understands its issues and can articulate those in Sacramento."

District 14 covers much of the East Bay from north of El Sobrante south to Emeryville and parts of Oakland. Ramsey, an attorney since 1989, lives in El Cerrito with his wife and two children and comes from a family of

high achievers. He is the son of retired judge and former Berkeley Councilman Henry Ramsey Jr. Two of his brothers are attorneys, one is a former assistant federal prosecutor in San Francisco. Another brother is a math teacher with the San Francisco Unified School District.

Ramsey has served on the board of the West Contra Costa Unified School District since 1993 and since 1994 has had a private law practice specializing in family law and housing. He is also on the board of directors of B.O.S.S.—Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency—and served on the Richmond Planning Commission in 1992-1993. He is also active in several local service organizations.

His long list of endorsements includes Richmond city council

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WEST CONTRA school board member Charles Ramsey is running for the District 14 Assembly seat held by Dion Aroner.

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Stroll applications

It's not too late to participate in one of the best parties of the year. The Solano Avenue Stroll will take place on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 10-6 p.m. in Berkeley and Albany. The Stroll is the East Bay's oldest and largest free street festival, drawing crowds of 150,000 people from all over California. Applications for booth space are still available. Especially welcome are non-profit organizations and parade entries. Applications may be downloaded online at www.solanostroll.org or send a SASE to Solano Stroll, 1563 Solano Ave. #101, Berkeley, CA 94707 and ask for the type of application in which you are interested.

Great books group

The Great Books Reading Discussion Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room of the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. The next meeting is July 17, when the topic will be Plato's *Apology*. No charge. Details: Lucy Fields, 510-526-8752.

SF Improv at Eclectica

SF Improv is performing at Café Eclectica, 1309 Solano Ave. in Albany on

Saturday, July 28 at 8 p.m. Have a night cap along with some madcap improvised comedy and musical theater, created on the spot by your suggestions. For details on the free improv show call 510-527-2344.

Albany reading fun

An exciting summer is in store for kids at the Albany Library. Become a knight and go out on the dragon quest. By reading books you can find the dragon and win prizes. The game sign-ups are now open and the game goes all summer through Aug. 18. Summer programs sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Library include: Nick Barone Puppet Show, Wednesday, July 18, at 7 p.m.; Cotton Candy Express, Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. Wednesday afternoon films run at 2 p.m., July 11 through Aug. 15 for (ages 3 to 8). For more information call: 526-3720.

Kensington reading fun

The annual summer reading program "Treasure Your Library" takes place through Aug. 18, and is a "treasure hunt" for good books to read. Children can pick up their reading packets starting today and prizes will be awarded those who complete it by

reading ten books by Saturday, Aug. 18. The Kensington Library is open from 1-6 p.m. on Mondays, noon-8 p.m. on Tuesdays, closed Wednesdays, open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Thursdays, and from 1-5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, regularly closed on Sundays and holidays. The phone number is 510-524-3043.

Library poetry programs

Come to First Thursdays and Second Wednesdays at the Albany Library. First Thursdays include an open mike and featured poet. Second Wednesdays are a poetry writing workshop, led by Alison Seavak. This month's is July 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Both events are free and open to all ages. Light refreshments will be served. Questions? Call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720 ext 19.

Weather stories at Tilden

Sunday storytelling at the Tilden Nature Area is a free program for young people and families led by Lauren Kelly from 11 a.m. to noon on Sunday at the Tilden Park Nature Area. Join storyteller Kelly in a quiet space to hear a tale or two to amuse all ages. Details: 510-525-2233.

Focus on Score mentoring group

Stan Whitehead of Score has owned his own studio for more than 30 years and has worked with corporate and non-profit organizations as publication's editor, graphic designer, photographer and instructor. Now he has added Score counselor to his list of endeavors.

For those of you who are wondering "What is Score?" Score (Service Corps of Retired Executives) is an all-volunteer mentoring group of retired executives who have been successful in their previous lives and are willing to pass on their expertise to folks needing guidance. Usually, people come to them if they want to open a small business and don't know quite where to start.

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The Albany Chamber has agreed to furnish Score with counseling space one day a week. If you are in need of ex-

pert advice, call the Oakland office for an appointment with Mr. Whitehead in Albany, 273-6611.

Where else can you get free advice about your business from people in the know?

Fourth of July

A great time was had by all at the annual 4th of July celebration. Thanks to all of you workers, volunteers and city employees, for making this event possible and thanks to all of you who attended.

Hooray to the committee who worked so hard: John Ely, Jewel Okawachi, Darren Connolly, John Medlock, Dianne Haas, Scott Lyness, Allen Cain, Diane Gross, Jack Rusano, and Ray Anderson.

Once again, Albany does it right.

OBITUARY

Yvonne Ann Walkup, co-founder of Ellis Olson Mortuary

Yvonne Ann Walkup, co-founder of Ellis Olson Mortuary and an Albany resident for over 50 years, died June 20 in Berkeley.

Born in Camp Meeker, Calif. on Aug. 12, 1921, Yvonne Walkup was the daughter of the late May Ellis Olson, also a co-founder of Ellis Olson Mortuary. She was devoted to funeral direction as well as the Albany community.

Walkup was preceded in death by her husband, Robert B. Walkup. She is survived by her son, Robert W. Walkup and cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was a past president and life member of the Soroptimist International of Albany, past president of Albany Parlor N.D.G.W. and a member of Argonaut Parlor N.D.G.W., Bayview Aerie 2323, F.O.E. Auxiliary, American Legion Post 292, Auxiliary; Berkeley Sons of Italy No. 1733, Catholic Ladies Aid Society 67; and a member of Saint Jerome Catholic Church.

Entombment was at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland.

Donations in her memory may be made to Okizui Founda-

tion for Children with Cancer, 8 Digital Drive, 102, Novato, CA 94949.

Former waterfront committee member Polly Jean Gleason, 75

Polly Jean Gleason, an Albany resident for 50 years and a past member of the Waterfront Committee, died at her home on June 19. She was 75.

Gleason was born in Washington State in 1926. Her family moved to San Francisco in 1936. She graduated from Balboa High School in 1943. She attended college in Seattle where she earned her nursing degree. She returned to SF and met her future husband Dr. Richard Gleason at San Francisco General Hospital. Polly and her family moved to Albany in 1951.

Gleason was active in the community with special interest in the schools and the environment.

She was an active member in the PTA, the California Association for Neurologically Handicapped Children and the American Field Service. She was an early and forceful advocate for special education programs in Albany's schools.

She was an active member of the Albany Bay Committee and

later served on the city's Waterfront Committee. She worked to preserve open space as a member of the Albany Hill Association. She was on the original planning committee for the Peralta Community College District.

Her son, Stephen, died in 1966.

Polly is survived by her children: Michael of Napa, Betty Stewart of Alameda, and Stanton of Pinole; sisters Lorette Fletcher of Albany and Maxine Koop of San Carlos; and three grandchildren.

Friends are invited to share their memories with her family at a memorial reception at the Gleason home at 822 Washington Ave on Sunday July 8, from 2-4 p.m.

Gleason donated to many worthwhile organizations. Those most important to her were:

Albany Education Foundation, 1320 Solano Ave., Albany, CA 94706; Albany Fire Department Public Education Fund, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, CA 94706; Story Time Kids NHROSC, 776 Revere St., Sacramento, CA 95818.

POLICE REPORTS

AHS construction intruders arrested

By K. Osborn

STAFF WRITER

This reporter has returned from two weeks on the Wind River Indian Reservation rebuilding homes for the elderly with my church youth group. Had a great time and have a sunburn to prove it. I will be taking this week and next week to catch up on what has been happening in Albany while I was gone. I thank you for your patience.

ALBANY — On the evening of June 10 a resident on the 1200 block of Dartmouth Street reported that while away on a business trip thieves broke into his trailer and stole several bicycles. There were no witnesses.

On the evening of June 10 officers investigated a white '91 Saturn on the 700 block of Taft Street because the front and rear license plates did not match and the front plate was reported as stolen from another car in Albany. The driver, a 33-year-old Oakley man, consented to a pat search and officers found a push dagger, stolen checks, a meth pipe and shaved keys in his possession. A check found he also had outstanding warrants. He was arrested, cited and transported to the Marshall's office.

On the afternoon of June 11 a resident on the 900 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that over the weekend his home was broken into. Another resident on the same block reported her house had also been broken into.

On the evening of June 11 a resident on the 600 block of Spokane Avenue reported that vandals broke the right rear passenger window of her silver '90 Toyota Camry.

At about 6 p.m. on June 11 a resident reported that a group was knocking over street signs near Washington and Kains avenues. Officers contacted a group of three juvenile boys. They arrested the 14-year-old Albany boy, 16-year-old El Cerrito boy and 13-year-old Richmond boy for vandalism, cited and released them with a Notice to Appear.

On the evening of June 12 a resident on the 700 block of Pomona Avenue reported that thieves had stolen a baby stroller off his front porch.

On the night of June 12 a resident on the 700 block of Curtis Street reported that thieves had broken into his silver '98 Honda the previous day.

At about 2:15 a.m. on June 13 officers contacted three people who had broken into the construction site of the Albany High School on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard. Officers arrested the three 18-year-old men from Berkeley and El Cerrito for disorderly conduct, cited them and released them with Notices to Appear.

At about 12:30 a.m. on June 14 officers contacted a 39-year-old Albany woman going through items at the rear of the Salvation Army store on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue. A check found that she had outstanding warrants from Alameda in the amount of \$3,000. She was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear. Her car was impounded.

At about 7:30 a.m. on June 14 officers responded to the Safe-way Store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue on reports of a shoplifter who had stolen alcohol and had departed south on Curtis Street on a 10-speed bike. Officers located the subject and apprehended him after a short chase. He was identified by store personnel, arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

On the morning of June 14 a resident at 535 Pierce Street reported that thieves had stolen her dark blue '90 Toyota 4-door.

On the morning of June 15 a resident on the 1100 block of Talbot Avenue reported that thieves had stolen her Mazda 4-door.

At about 2:30 a.m. on June 16 officers stopped a white '86 Toyota near Santa Fe and Marin Avenues for erratic driving. The 45-year-old Albany man failed the Field Sobriety Test and was

arrested for DUI. He was cited and released when sober.

On the morning of June 16 a resident on the 1000 block of Peralta Avenue reported that thieves had broken into the trunk of his car and stolen tools.

At about 11 a.m. on June 16 Albany officers stopped a blue '80 Datsun for erratic driving near San Francisco and Cleveland avenues. The 21-year-old Richmond man was arrested for driving without a license.

At about noon on June 16 officers contacted a subway Masonic and Marin Avenue appeared to be asleep. A 21-year-old San Francisco man arrested for being drunk in public and having an outstanding Alameda County warrant was transported to the Berkeley jail.

On the afternoon of June 20 a resident on the 1100 block of Talbot Avenue reported that thieves had stolen a CD player from inside her green '98 Buick.

Shortly after midnight on June 21 officers stopped a white '97 Honda Accord for speeding and for failing to stop at a stop sign. The 20-year-old Albany man was found to be intoxicated and was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

On the morning of June 21 a resident on the 900 block of Cornell Avenue reported that a blue '57 Chevy had been broken into during the night.

Between June 10 and June 16 officers towed three vehicles, responded to 12 false alarms, attended to six lost or deceased animals, installed 13 people who were locked out of their homes or car and responded to three reports of barking dogs. In the mental area officers responded to four requests for standing civil disturbances and 120 assists. Officers stopped 16 and/or pedestrians issuing citations and 52 warnings. Fire fighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and 20 medical emergencies.

Police seeking suspects in shooting

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — On June 29 at 7:15 p.m. police responded to a 911 call of gunshots fired in the area of El Dorado Street and Santa Clara Avenue near Central Park. Upon arrival a 19-year-old Redwood City man was found with gunshot injury to his right leg. The man said he did not know the people who shot him, but described the suspects as two

"possibly Asian" males in a black Lexus. The victim was taken to John Muir Trauma Center in Walnut Creek for surgery. His condition is listed as good. The incident is being investigated by the ECPD and police are asking anyone with information about the shooting to call Sgt. Wayne Mann at 510-215-4423.

At 12:20 in the morning on July 2 a pedestrian was stopped on School Avenue near South 55th Street. An officer had recognized the pedestrian as a suspect in a prior case. The suspect, a 21-year-old Hercules woman, was found to be carrying several checks belonging to another person. The officer soon discovered that the checks in question had been reported stolen. The suspect was arrested for possession of stolen property and taken to county jail in Martinez.

On July 1 at 11:19 p.m. a 45-year-old Berkeley man was arrested by El Cerrito police at San Pablo Avenue and Cutting Boulevard. An officer had noticed a vehicle parked in a red zone on San Pablo Avenue

with its hazard lights flashing. The driver of the vehicle was cited for having an outstanding warrant for arrest. During the arrest a "methamphetamine" was found in the man's session. The suspect was transported to county jail.

On June 30 at 10:55 p.m. police stopped a vehicle for a "chronical violation" near the section of Central and Santa Clara avenues. Three men in the vehicle, a 44-year-old Richmond man, a 31-year-old Berkeley man and a 31-year-old Berkeley man were found to be in the possession of a controlled substance and hypodermic needles. The three suspects were arrested and taken to jail.

A 28-year-old Vallejo man tried to cash a forged check at San Pablo Avenue Bank of America on June 29 at 10:50 a.m. A woman was also found to be in possession of stolen property, stolen account numbers. The suspected forger was arrested.

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CORRECTION

The June 29 article "Fund raising salvages some AUSD programs" incorrectly stated the number of signatures needed from registered voters to qualify a board member recall for the ballot. It should have stated that it will take 25 percent of the registered 9,561 voters of Albany to garner a special election. It would cost \$1.50 to \$2 per voter on a stand-alone basis, and \$45 to \$1 for non-stand alone according to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters office.

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Dragonflies getting their day in the sun

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By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — Sure, you've seen your Eight-spotted Skimmer or your Cardinal Meadowhawk or your Blue Dasher or two, but have you ever seen a River Jewel or a Pale-faced Club-tongue? And if you did see one, would you know how to identify it? You would if you had a copy of "Common Dragonflies of California," a Beginner's Pocket Guide, by Sebastopol dragonfly expert Kathy Biggs.

Biggs converted her backyard swimming pool into a dragon pond in 1996, a "gorgeous pond dragonfly" soon arrived. Biggs was bitten by the dragonfly bug and began studying and cataloging the large winged insects that inhabit her pond.

She soon had her own personal dragonfly guide, which became the basis for her published field guide. Last week Biggs came to Berkeley for a dragonfly show-and-tell at the meeting of the East Bay chapter of the California Native Plant Society at the UC Botanical Garden. They are the latest in thing,

DRAGONFLIES

"Common Dragonflies of California, a Beginner's Pocket Guide," with loads of color photographs of dragonflies and damselflies and "dragonflying" tips and information is available from Azalea Creek Publishing, 308 Bloomfield Road, Sebastopol, CA, 95472. E-mail at biggsnest@sonic.net and the Web-site is www.sonic.net/dragonfly

Biggs said about dragonflies. She said these four-winged predator insects were born on Earth long before the dinosaurs and may well be here after human beings have had their turn on the planet. "I got into them because I built a pond and they came," she told the audience of more than 80 people.

While trying to identify dragonflies, Biggs soon discovered there were few identification guides available for the state's numerous dragonflies. "I'm a birder and we birders are notorious for lists and I had my list of birds coming to the pond. Well I wanted to have a list of dragonflies that came to my pond," Biggs said. She said dragonfly watching is "in its infancy," similar to birdwatching 100 years ago.

There are about 435 species

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Ramsey

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members, school board colleagues, the Richmond Police Officers' Association, the Contra Costa County Building and Construction Trades Council, Laborers Local 324 of Contra Costa County, Carpenters and Joiners Local 152, the Richmond chapter of Black Women Organized for Political Action and many others.

During last week's interview Ramsey talked about a variety of subjects including housing, the state's energy crisis, schools and education, why he loves living in El Cerrito and made some candid remarks about his 1995 arrest for solicitation.

"We're going to have public housing and if we're going to have public housing we want it to be a good quality of life for all residents," Ramsey said about his efforts to make communities safer. "We want to clean up properties that have drug dealing problems to make them safer — that makes a safer community," he said. "We want all families to feel like they can grow and develop and survive in this world. I've been doing that for 10 years. I've tackled some of the toughest properties out there — St. John's Apartments and Monterey Pines (formerly Kennedy Manor)," Ramsey said, naming housing complexes in Richmond.

"I'm a real person who sees real issues and real needs," he said. "As a lawmaker, a policy maker, I'll be able to understand how to implement and fully de-

sign legislation that better suits the needs of this community, especially when it comes to housing. I've dealt with all these government assisted programs and I know I can shape legislation to assist and help in terms of training, staff members, funding, getting better paying jobs for people who are working on the sites because they don't get paid well." Ramsey said he would like to see a partnership between the building trades and the state concerning housing issues. "We want people to live in good quality housing."

"We need to make education a priority," Ramsey said on the issue of public education. "How are we going to make sure that we increase the funding for students in this community?" he asked. "Districts like Berkeley, Oakland, even West Contra Costa still are having challenges that they need to address. Facilities are still falling apart. Curriculum needs to be updated. Kids need to have more resources. Why is California ranked in the bottom 10 in states across the country that are affected by educational funding?"

Ramsey was asked about the issue of standardized student testing. "Obviously we want to have benchmarks and assessments, but we already have tests — we have SAT-9 testing results," he said. "I can't say everything has to be tied to a certain outcome. If we want to measure where our students are so that we can provide assistance and help to them, then I support that, but if we're tying it to a particular outcome, then I think we're going to have prob-

lems."

On the matter of the state's energy crisis, Ramsey said "conservation is key and critical" and Californians have responded well to the crisis. "My wife hasn't even been using the dryer; we've been using the clothesline," Ramsey said. He also said the state will have to increase energy production capacity and emphasized renewable energy sources. "There are all types of different models that can be looked at," he pointed out. "We have to find renewable energy sources and balance those with communities to make sure that there is some way to take the burden off consumers who are unreasonably being gouged by these unfortunate situations. To ignore the energy crisis at this time would be fatal."

When asked about his 1995 arrest for solicitation, it's clear Ramsey is still touchy about the incident. He was arrested for suspicion of trying to buy sex from a female police officer posing as a prostitute. Ramsey pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of disturbing the peace, paid a \$100 fine and was on probation for two years.

"One incident is not the total sum of my life. Most people don't know I didn't get disciplined by the state bar because they looked at it and they didn't consider it a crime of moral turpitude. I was wrong to do it. I made a mistake. But at the same time I've tried to lead by example to show young people that you can stumble in life, but it's not what happens when you stumble, it's what happens after you stumble," he added.

"I rolled up my sleeves and did a lot. The community is going to look at the good works that I did prior to the incident. They're going to look at all the good works that I've done after the incident. No one is going to say that the facts don't tell the truth," Ramsey said. "The voters are going to give me a second chance and they're going to give me an opportunity and they're going to look at my record."

On life in El Cerrito Ramsey said he likes the friendliness of the city and his family have called home since 1998. "El Cerrito has been a jewel for me. I love El Cerrito. I love it because it has good friendly people. I feel welcome there. The neighbors have been very supportive," Ramsey said. He also praised El Cerrito's central location, close to San Francisco, Berkeley and Richmond and praised its civic leaders. "I think they have a good City Council that is really fighting hard to bring positive resources to the community."

Ramsey said he needs to raise \$300,000 for his primary campaign, but added that money should not be the driving force behind anybody's candidacy. "It's issues," he said. "Issues are going to have to be at the forefront and we have to make sure that we listen and communicate to the voters exactly the issues that they believe are necessary to be advocated in Sacramento."

"If the community believes that I can be worthy enough of the opportunity, I welcome it," Ramsey added. "I'm excited about the opportunity just to be able to even run."

Police

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into county jail in Martinez.

On June 24 at 7 p.m., an 82-year-old woman residing on Peabody Court reported that someone has been leaving annoying messages on her telephone answering machine. The calls were at all hours with the unknown caller leaving "mostly garbled" messages. There are no suspects, and the callers seem to be kids.

On June 23 sometime between 3 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. someone burglarized the garage of a house on the 2300 block of Talmadge Avenue. The suspect (s) entered the open garage and an un-

and stole "miscellaneous property." A total property loss of \$1,752 was reported.

On June 22 at 2:51 p.m. a 96-year-old woman reported that someone had dumped their trash and garbage on the public sidewalk in the 400 block of Liberty Street. There were no witnesses to the illegal and unsightly dumping.

On June 22 sometime between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 4:20 p.m. the home of an 85-year-old retired Liberty Street man was burglarized. The burglar(s) forced their way through the rear door of the home "by blunt force," ransacked the bedrooms then left through the front door. Property loss was \$3,150 in stolen cash and property and \$300 to repair/replace the door and lock.

On June 22 at 3 p.m. it was reported that someone had repeatedly burglarized an Avila Avenue trailer home. The suspect, a transient man 35 to 40 years old, apparently had entered the locked trailer to steal property over a two-month period. Total property loss was estimated at \$1,615.

On June 22 at 5:12 p.m. a 36-year-old Lexington Avenue woman reported unauthorized use of her credit. An unknown suspect had obtained the woman's credit information and used it to buy two vehicles and to purchase items over the Internet.

On June 21 just past midnight an unknown suspect entered a gas station in the 3100 block of Carlson Boulevard, brandished a handgun and demanded money from the

cash register. The suspect then fled the scene on Central Avenue with his stolen \$100.

On June 21 at 1:25 a.m. unknown pranksters used a fire extinguisher to spray the hallway of an apartment complex in the 17700 block of San Pablo Avenue. The fire alarm was also set off during the incident.

Sometime between June 20 at 8 p.m. and June 21 at 3:06 p.m. somebody stole a UPS delivered package from the porch of a 5300 block Pointsett Avenue home. The property loss was \$234. There were no witnesses.

On June 19 at 5:45 p.m. a crime of forgery was reported. A 40-year-old Richmond woman tried to use an altered check to pay for \$130 worth of merchandise at the

Target store on San Pablo Avenue.

Sometime between June 19 at 8 p.m. and June 20 at 7:50 a.m. somebody jimmied open the passenger side door of a 1991 Honda Accord parked in the 2300 block of Alva Avenue. The unknown thief stole \$1,200 worth of tools from the car and the cost replace the door lock was \$400.

On June 18 at noon a 40-year-old Ricardo Court man reported that somebody has been repeatedly stealing the light bulbs from the light fixture on his garage. There are no suspects.

On June 18 sometime between 7:50 p.m. and 9:08 p.m. the value of a good door lock was demonstrated. An unknown suspect (s) had attempted to burglarize a home in the 6700 block of Canyon Trail. The would-be burglars kicked in the lower panel of the front door and broke out the

window of the door. But, as the police report states "entry could not be made due to double dead bolt." There are no suspects.

BRIEFS

Local judo student wins gold medal at Sweden competition

Stephanie Hata of El Cerrito a student of the East Bay Judo Institute in El Cerrito, came away with a gold medal at the 2001 Judo International Jr. Judo tournament in Goteborg, Sweden. Hata, 16, defeated Alexandra Sergey in her first match by a majority given to Causey for winning. Hata controlled the entire match with solid tai otoshi and uchikata attacks. Hata then beat Vasilina of Russia, soaring a koko tai otoshi and a yuko with uchi makikomi to win the round bout, and giving her the gold medal.

medal.

This year, Hata has won a silver medal at the 2001 U.S. High School National Championships, and a Gold Medal at the 2001 U.S. Senior National Championships. She is also a Gold Medalist from the 2000 US Open Judo Championships, the highest level senior international tournament conducted in the U.S.

Hata's attention now turns to the 2001 U.S. Judo Federation Jr. and Youth National Championships, scheduled to occur in two weeks in Monterey, Calif. After that, she will compete at the 2001 U.S. Jr. Olympics in Louisville, Ky.

The East Bay Judo Institute can be reached at 510-237-0607

or visit their Web site at www.ebjj.org.

Dinner/dances will raise funds for injured student's care

Workers at the El Cerrito Post Office are responding to a tragedy suffered by one of their colleagues with two fundraising events and are seeking the community's participation.

Eric Adame-Toms, the son of postal employee and El Cerrito APWU Shop Steward Noel Toms, is in a coma in Kaiser Hospital from injuries sustained in a May 15 car collision in Rodeo on his way home from work. Adame-Toms, 18, was

a month away from graduation at John Swett High School.

El Cerrito postal employees are sponsoring two dinner/dance fundraisers at the San Pablo Moose Lodge, 13233 San Pablo Ave. in San Pablo, to help meet the mounting costs of Eric Adame-Toms's injuries.

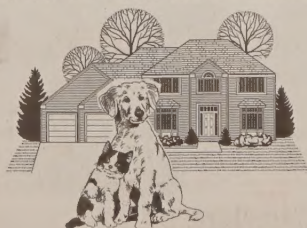
The first is July 8, the second is Aug. 5 and both are from 2-7 p.m. and both feature letter carrier Jun Simundo and his band. The cost is \$10 per person. Any donations from those who can't make it are also appreciated. They should be made out to Eric Adame-Toms, c/o Sanwa Bank, 777 Tenth Ave., Pinole, CA 94564. All funds raised will go to the Toms family. Details: 510-237-6124.

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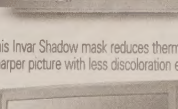


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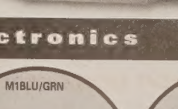


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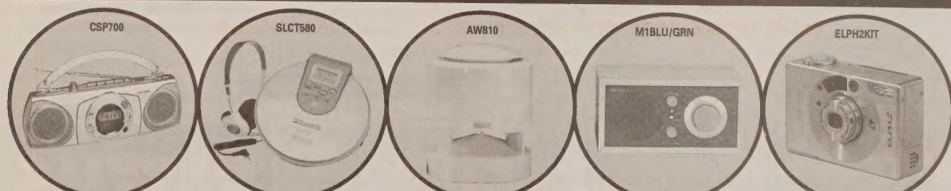
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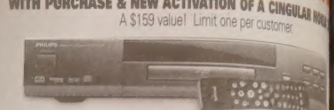
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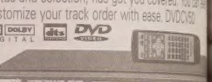
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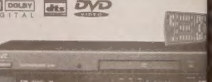
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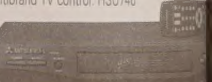
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Opinion

VIEWPOINT

Breaking the logjam at the Mill & Lumber project

By Gina Brusatori
EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

Adding city offices to the proposed Mill & Lumber development will significantly boost the vitality of this quality project. On July 11, the City Council will have a public hearing on the project and decide its fate. We should not limit our thinking to just approving or rejecting this project. We can move forward with this fine project, preserve commercial space and provide suitable long-term office space for our city employees.

We need to find a mechanism that is financially feasible for the developer. The City Hall offices are housed in 12-year-old trailers that are falling apart due to dry rot and advanced age. At only 5,600 square feet, they offer cramped, substandard office space for our city staff. Buying new trailers is only throwing good money after bad, and there is little available office space elsewhere in El Cerrito. Given these problems, we should "put our money where our mouth is" and work with the developer to incorporate quality office space for City Hall employees in the Mill & Lumber project.

The City Hall trailers are situated on very valuable land at the corner of San Pablo Avenue and Manila. We could relocate City Hall, recreation staff offices and the council chambers to a 10,000-square-foot ground-floor space on parcel 2 of the Mill & Lumber project. Parcel 2 is located at Kearney and Schmidt and borders the DMV property. This will create an integrated commercial/residential hub. The higher and better use of the current City Hall site is to have mixed-use commercial/retail on San Pablo Avenue.

We could offer the developer financial inducements to accommodate the city offices. These may include increasing the housing density on parcels 3 and 4 to make the project more financially viable, accepting the developer's request to forgo the very low income housing and dealing creatively with the parking using other city land in the area. By offering the developer development rights for land on which the trailers are currently situated, that site could benefit from higher intensity commercial/retail mixed-use.

To allay the developer's fears about obtaining financing, the city, given our current strong financial condition, could offer guarantees. El Cerrito can afford this investment because of the tax increment revenue from this and other projects in the redevelopment area. The Redevelopment Agency is able to provide money to the city to cover the cost of economic and redevelopment expenses. This frees up at least \$200,000 per year from

the city's general fund that should be more than enough to pay the market rate of \$1.50/square foot/month rental expense on the new City Hall space.

We need to relocate City Hall offices from the old and cramped trailers into new space now. Doing so will enable us to maintain our city offices in a central location and address the long overdue commitment to our city employees and community to have a City Hall of which we can all be proud.

Besides City Hall employees, we could also move city recreation staff as well as the council chambers from the Community Center to the new space so they get more spacious offices and we can rent out more space to other groups for recreational purposes. A superior work environment will boost staff morale and increase customer service and productivity. Working in technology-enabled modern offices is a proper environment for our professional city staff and it is long overdue.

Some others talk about creative financing to get the City Hall we want and deserve. Rather than counting on speculative and risky schemes, I believe that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." Let's not let this unique opportunity slip away and delay getting a new City Hall for many years. Let's keep it simple, and move ahead with this plan.

The proposed city offices would be a medium- to long-term rental arrangement that could segue into a "rent to own" type arrangement, on terms acceptable to the developer. We could even trade on equitable terms to the city and the developer the valuable city land under the trailers for new space in parcel 2.

The discussion above may sound like a last minute proposal, but Mayor Damon, by his bullying tactics, has stifled debate and interjected himself in the process with no negotiating authority from the council. He has pursued his own personal agenda, and one has to wonder whether it is motivated by his own financial dealings. In his zeal, he has drowned out the city's agenda with his own. Until now, it has been difficult to get anyone to pay attention to alternatives that do not place a hardship on the developer, but still maintain the principal of having two of the four parcels with some commercial space in this mixed-use development.

Let's move forward with the Mill & Lumber project by including quality office space for our city hall on parcel 2 at Kearney and Schmidt. We owe it to our city employees and we owe it to ourselves to have a truly commercial mixed-use development at this prominent, midtown property.

A summer camp where the fun is in the drama



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

One of the reasons I like El Cerrito so much: It has a cozy, down-home feeling you just can't find in any other town. (I got the same feeling on Wednesday, at the annual July 4 celebration.)

crowning jewel is its Summer Drama Camp. You know how most kids have an attention span of about 1.5 seconds? Well, not at the Summer Drama Camp. Never have I seen kids so rapt, so caught up in the joy of what they were doing.

I think the reason is that the people who run the camp have their heads on straight. For them, the play's not the thing, it's the playing. They teach the kids to focus on learning about the theater and having fun, not on competing for lines or time in the spotlight. It's a completely non-judgmental atmosphere that encourages the kids to express their personalities

and (hopefully) develop a love of the theater. Many campers — and former campers — will be in tonight's production. Snapp sez: Check it out.

Meanwhile, on Sunday the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society will celebrate the joy of companion animals with its fourth annual Bay To Barkers Dog Walk at Cesar Chavez Park in the Berkeley Marina. This year's theme is — surprise! — "Who Let The Dogs Out?"

Now, I know you're thinking, "What does this have to do with me?" And the answer is: Everything. Because here in El Cerrito, Albany and Kensington, we don't have an SPCA or a Humane Society of our own. So, by contract, the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society covers us, too.

Prizes will be given for (among other things) Best Kissing Dog, Prettiest Coat, Muttiest Mutt and Best Human/Dog Look-alikes. People who adopted their dogs from the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society are being especially urged to attend, along with their dogs, of course, so they can be featured in the Alumni Parade. So what's the difference between a humane society and an SPCA? Answer: None. In Oakland, it's called the SPCA. Here in Berkeley, Albany and El Cerrito, it's called the Humane Society. But they both do the same thing: finding new homes for homeless animals.

They're also privately-funded, which sets them apart from city's Animal Control De-

partment (aka the pound) which is a public agency that specializes in rounding up strays and investigating cases of animal abuse.

They're also independent from each other, as are the Humane Society and SPCA in the including the San Francisco SPCA, which gets the share of the public's money around here.

So if you've gotten a fundraising appeal from the Humane Society of the United States, don't assume any of your donation will trickle down to our local organization. Because it won't.

Which is why the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society needs our support — why this Sunday's Bay To Barkers fundraiser is so important. Even if you can't attend, they deserve a check.

I've been covering Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society for more than a decade and I'm hard put to find any other organization that it has the funds that the Francisco SPCA does. The miracles it could perform

Of course, it performs a few miracles already, its shoestring budget, I'd refer to the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society as "the engine that could."

Let's remember what a hatma Gandhi said: a soul can be judged by the way it treats its animals.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lumbeyard presents a commercial opportunity

El Cerrito is an under served retail and commercial market. Many of our residents have to travel far to other communities around the Bay to find the goods and services they want. Now, yet another large parcel of prime commercial space along our major arterial, San Pablo Avenue, is being removed from the General Plan's mixed use commercial/retail/office designation to build primarily housing units in our "city of homes."

If approved, it will continue the serious imbalance between housing and other commercial, office, retail uses in our community and leave El Cerrito with its abundance of low paying service jobs. The developer, property owners and investors, near this Redevelopment Target Area stand to make a lot of money at the ex-

pense of our community, while El Cerrito will have additional tax burdens in the form of more police, fire and infrastructure needs to service this high-density population.

Construction of housing in the "midtown" area will stimulate more housing and replace much needed commercial uses. And what about the future residents of what is advertised as "luxury housing"? Would you or any of us want to live next door to the elevated BART tracks and the noise and pollution of a smog, auto choked San Pablo Avenue, with ceaseless traffic day and night? It would become housing of last resort or temporary transitional housing for its occupants.

Like other housing along San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito and Richmond, it will gradually decline as the project ages and the owner becomes less able to keep up with the reality of declining rents and value.

Yes, low and moderate income people,

the elderly on fixed incomes, do need to deserve rental housing at rents they can afford. However, \$1,000-plus a month hardly "affordable" housing by any standard.

Innovative housing such as the cooperative apartments at Berkeley's Strawberry Creek, co-generational projects in Northern California and other examples of public-private-foundation partnership would not only provide quality housing but be better tailored for an aging, disabled or special needs population. The Lumbeyard parcel represents one of a few remaining larger areas along the commercial corridor close to the freeway. We believe that people need better housing choices and our city can do better than the Baer plan.

Evelyn Kiresen, Linda Blum, Benjamin Oili, Dr. Sandra Barsky, Daniel DeLeon, Rebecca DeLeon, Ethel Weber, Edwin Weber, Ronald Chao, Mark Chao, Phillip Smith, Jessica Smith

VIEWPOINT

Speak up now for campaign finance reform

By Jo Ann B. Price
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BERKELEY, ALBANY, EMERYVILLE

Campaign finance reform will be taken up by the House of Representatives just after returning from the Fourth of July recess, sometime during the week of July 9. The League of Women Voters warns that now is the critical time for concerned citizens to mobilize to get Congress to pass no bill other than the "real reform bill," the Shays-Meehan Campaign Finance Reform Bill. This is the strong, bipartisan bill previously pushed through the House twice and based on the McCain-Feingold bill that the Senate passed in April. It will stop corporations, unions, and wealthy individuals from giving unlimited amounts of money to candidates' campaigns and the political parties.

The League of Women Voters urges you, yes YOU, to act! We need a landslide of public support from members of all parties and independents for the Shays-Meehan bill. Here's

what you can do. Write, call, fax, or e-mail your representative in Congress — both in Washington and at here in California. The message is: you support the Shays-Meehan campaign finance reform bill because it will ban soft money and close the sham "issue" ad loophole that allows campaign spending to escape from disclosure; you oppose all weakening amendments and especially "poison pills" designed to kill the bill or weaken bi-partisan support; you want the voices of citizens to be heard in politics over special interest money and only Shays-Meehan will do this.

(Address your letters to: Representative, U.S. Congress, Washington, D.C., 20515. Call the Capital switchboard with a direct message or to get an e-mail address: 202-224-3121 or your representative's local district office.)

This is a tough battle that needs every citizen's involvement, regardless of party affiliation. Although the House lead-

ership has agreed that campaign finance reform legislation will be scheduled for floor action right after the Fourth of July, they will be pushing the Committee on House Administration bill. This bill falls short of the definition of meaningful campaign finance reform and doesn't ban soft money of limit money for sham "issue" ads. The champions of reform in the House, Rep. Chris Shays (R-CT) and Rep. Marty Meehan (D-MA), will offer their bill on the floor as a substitute to the committee bill. You need to make your Representative understand the importance to you that s/he support only Shays-Meehan.

Background on the process clarifies why only Shays-Meehan will do. If Shays-Meehan, based on McCain-Feingold, passes, it will go directly to the Senate for final passage and we will know exactly what the provisions are. It would bypass a conference committee, controlled by opponents in the House leadership and neces-

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sary to resolve the differences between some other McCain and the Senate's bill. The opportunity for meaningful campaign finance reform legislation will not be squandered.

President Bush says he will sign campaign finance reform into law in Congress passes. We need to give him the opportunity with Shays-Meehan/McCain-Feingold. Call your Representative now.

Jo Ann B. Price is president of the League of Women Voters, Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville.

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Dragonfly

FROM PAGE 1
Dragonflies and damselflies in the United States and Canada number about 5,400 known species. Damselflies are in the order (Odonata) as dragonflies, but damselflies are the "little guys" that have a stocky-size or needle-size tail and a hammer-headed appearance. After spending one to three

years in a "nymph" stage underwater, the dragonfly emerges into adulthood and, after taking time to "harden up," lives as a flying adult for only a few summertime weeks. When a dragonfly first emerges its wings are shiny and body soft and susceptible to damage and should not be touched, Biggs emphasized.

Dragonflies usually eat small insects such as mosquitoes and gnats, but can eat larger insects and even other dragonflies. "They

are not nectar-feeders; these are Earth's first flying predators," Biggs said about dragonflies. "They're up there catching mosquitoes and gnats and things; they're catching them on the wing and eating them on the wing."

Dragonflies do not bite humans unless caught and handled roughly. Biggs described their bite as a "hard pinch." Some of the larger dragonflies, however, can draw a "drop of blood," Biggs told the audience, so "rough handlers" be-

ware.

Biggs treated the audience to brilliant slides of the colorful and beautiful dragonflies and damselflies. She had bright clear and colorful images of the red Flame Skimmer and the "extremely feisty" Cardinal Meadowhawk, the Western Pondhawk, the Eight-spotted Skimmer, Widow Skimmer, Blue-eyed Darter, Paddle-tailed Darter, San Francisco Forktail, Exclamation Damsel, California Dancer and scores of others.

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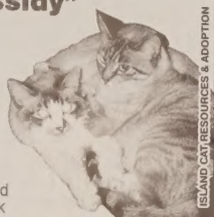
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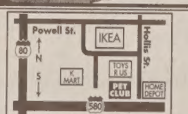
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Creative minds sought for EC art center

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — If you're an artist and a teacher who would like to share your artistic skills and enthusiasm with the next generation, the city's recreation staff wants to meet you.

City Recreation Director Monica Kortz said this week that progress continues on rehabilitation of Canyon Trail Clubhouse, which will become a community art center when completed.

"The city of El Cerrito will be opening its own art center — the Canyon Trail Art Center," Kortz said.

"The art center will be a place where creativity thrives and artistic endeavors are encouraged,"

she said about the Measure A-funded project.

"We want to continue to interview instructors so if there is an art instructor with experience and a proven track record of successful art classes we want to know who they are and for them to contact us."

Kortz said that, "We anticipate to open in August or September, depending on when we receive the building."

She said Bay Construction is hard at work on the exterior deck and interior electrical work at the clubhouse.

B. K. Paul of Earthquake and Structures Inc., the city's consultant on the project, has said the clubhouse should reach "substantial completion" in August,

but Kortz said there is a possibility the project may be substantially completed this month.

"They have completed rough framing, plumbing, rough electrical and the shear walls," Kortz said on Tuesday. "They're about to start putting up the gypsum board on to the interior walls."

"On June 13 I wrote a letter to the art community," Kortz said. "We've got a good response from artists who are interested in teaching."

For information about being an instructor at the soon to be completed Canyon Trail Art Center call Judy or Janet at the city's recreation department at 510-215-4370.

Medical

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net revenue of \$123,000-plus for the department that will be used for adding a new ambulance to the fleet in 2007 as well as stocking each engine with advanced life support equipment.

It is a very exciting time for AFD Chief Marc McGinn and his staff, who are already riding high after saving three lives on calls in the past two weeks. McGinn attributes the past six months of work to the three success stories in the department is currently boasting.

Saving lives is "what it's all about," said McGinn. "That's when they know (the staff has done a good job), and all of their training has come to the forefront. It makes it all worthwhile

and a lot of their training is put into action."

In 1999 department records show that of all the 1,000 medical calls, the basic life support engine was requested 66 times while the ambulance was attending another call — representing 6.6 percent of actual time that the BLS engine covered the city. That may seem like a small number and a very low probability that a major life threatening incident could occur, but the department deems the new equipment and procedure well worth the time.

"Even though it's expensive to do this and it's not going to be used that frequently... if it's used one time to save one life, then it's worth it," said AFD Lt. Jeff Keary, one of the paramedics on staff refreshing some of the skills that haven't been put to use in years.

The training has consisted of EMT's and paramedics learning to work as a team in locating where the emergency is going to be. EMT's and paramedics are separated by 1,400 hours of training, days leading up to the date, Porter works with them on handling abnormal situations. It's all about communication and productivity in the emergency situations.

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and served in a spicy tangy sauce. David's favorite, a Mandarin dish called Tea Smoked Chicken, blends the exotic flavorings of tea with tender pieces of chicken marinated with pepper.

Located in the Lincoln Square Shopping Center, across from Pot Pourri, Judy credits old customers for her coming out of retirement and opening this second restaurant after a development company took the lease on their previous restaurant. While shopping at Safeway for her own family, she kept running into customers who dined at their restaurant, and encouraged the Hsu's to find another location and feed them again.

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Commanding, elegant home in the East Bay hills



PHOTOS BY SCOTT FITZGERELL



PACIFIC UNION

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A dramatic, garden-view entry bridge leads to the front door on the home's upper level. Inside, a bold, bay-view skylight follows the stairs down through all three levels (pictured left). An attractive bedroom suite with full bath and access to the two-car garage and private office round off this part of the home.

On the main floor a fireplace complements the sleek living room. A great room with gourmet kitchen and bay-view dining round out this level.

A cozy den opens to both great room and living room; this level also has a laundry and half bath. Level-out access to a sunny patio pro-

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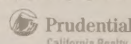


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Cover old cement with new wood deck

Concrete makes for a great patio. It takes irregularity out of the grade and produces an interesting and easy-to-maintain surface. It can be tooled as a surface drain to distribute water away from the home. It is relatively inexpensive and can be formed and poured in a weekend. And a concrete slab can last a lifetime.

Unfortunately, concrete is brittle and sometimes cracks, becoming a tripping hazard and an eyesore. Even a cracked, ugly concrete slab can be useful. Filling cracks with a high-quality polyurethane caulking compound won't necessarily make it look better, but it can help to prevent further heaving and will definitely aid in proper watershed.

Replacement is an alternative you might not want to consider. Breaking out a large concrete patio can take days and is grueling work. Also consider the cost of the jackhammer, concrete saw, dump fees and replacement cost.

There is an alternative you might not have thought of — leave that ugly old patio right where it is and use it as a foundation for a beautiful new wood deck. All you have to do is attach strips of wood (support strips, nailing strips, — call them what you like) to the concrete and apply the decking to the strips of wood.

Before you start

There is a condition regarding this procedure. A step down must

exist between the floor of your home and your patio. A distance of 6 inches or more is plenty of room to do what we suggest. It is important for the top of the finished deck to be slightly lower than the floor inside your home. An inch or so is all that is needed. This precaution will do much to keep leaves and wash-water spray outside — away from your fine carpet, vinyl, hardwood or other flooring finish.

The heaving concrete patio probably won't stop shifting, but chances are the problem won't telescope through to the surface of the new wood deck. Wood is substantially more flexible than concrete. Where even the slightest ground movement can sometimes show as a radical variation in concrete, wood simply stretches, bends and flexes.

The strips of wood that are attached to the concrete should be either a pressure-treated specie, or cedar or redwood. In our experience, pressure-treated material seems to last the longest when in regular contact with moisture. There are a couple of alternatives when it comes to affixing the strips to the concrete — powder-actuated pins, and lag bolts and shields.

Where to drill

In the case of the latter, holes are drilled through the wood strips and into the concrete at 2- to 4-foot intervals along each board. Lag shields are driven into



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the holes in the concrete. The lag bolts traverse through the holes in the wood strips and into the lag shields in the concrete. As a lag bolt is screwed in, the shield spreads — holding both the bolt and the wood strip tightly in place. For this you will need a high-quality carbide-tipped concrete drill, a good drill motor and elbow grease. Drilling holes in concrete isn't rocket science, but it is physically tiring. Be prepared to work hard.

Using powder-actuated pins is easier, but does require some special skills. Here, a stud gun is used to fire special nails through wood and into concrete. The process is not physically tiring, is relatively inexpensive and can be done in a short time. For a medium-size project, all the pins necessary can be driven in less time than it takes to drill two or three holes for lag shields. The problem with powder-actuated pins lies within the "gun" part. Stud guns are dangerous and need to be handled with caution.

Have the person at the rental store provide a thorough briefing on how the tool is used. You should also experience using the tool to drive one or two pins before leaving the rental establishment. If the store proprietor won't agree to this condition, go elsewhere.

Vital step

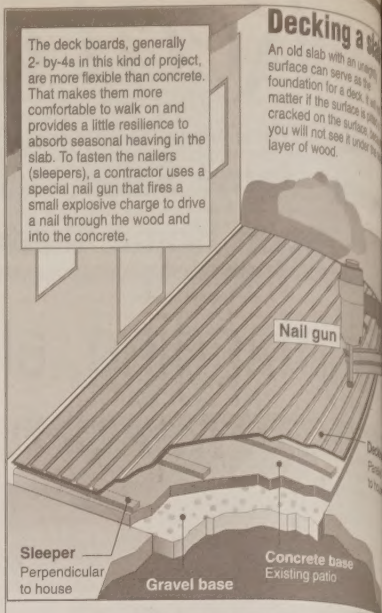
Placement of the support strips is important. They should be parallel and the space between them equidistant. Two-by-four deck boards can span a distance of about 2 feet, whereas 2-by-6 deck boards work well up to as much as 4 feet. The choice is yours. We like the 2-by-6 size because fewer boards are required to cover the surface. This means easier logistics, fewer attachments per given area — and best of all — fewer support strips are required.

The support strips should be placed so as not to impede drainage. You don't want to build a dam. Ponding water can prematurely damage the support system, not to mention that still ponds breed mosquitoes.

The deck boards are laid perpendicular to the support strips and can be attached with nails or the deckmaster-style fastener that provides an invisible connection.

Finally, when attaching the deck boards, it is important to stagger the joints at every course. Staggering joints adds strength and looks better.

Pittsburg contractors Morris and James O. Carey air Saturday mornings on KSF 560 AM. Write the Carey Brothers, c/o the Associated Press, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10020-1666, or e-mail to careybros@onthehouse.com. Visit their Web site at www.onthehouse.com.



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Stan Johnson, a top producing residential loan specialist with First Security Loan, is the facilitator. With 10 years in the business, Johnson has seen the many faces of the real estate market and helped many find homes in even the most discouraging times. "If folks are will-

ing to devote the time," said Johnson, "I am willing to give them the necessary tools."

Johnson will speak on purchasing with a \$500 down payment and no out-of-pocket closing costs. "There are several programs designed to assist people in qualifying to buy a home," said Johnson. "This is an opportunity for future home purchasers to invest in themselves."

Participants will learn about available grant money, 100 percent financing, FHA and VA programs and the Community Reinvestment Act. Those who attend can be pre-qualified for initial credit approval. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Seating is limited; reservation are required. Call 510-614-2433.

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Nayo comes to Coldwell Banker from the Berkeley office of Prudential California Realty, where she was a nationally recognized top producer. In addition to being on the boards of the Volunteer Center of Alameda County and the Oakland Fund for the Arts, Nayo has also been a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. She's also the happily involved grandmother of three.

Nayo describes herself as "a deliberate Oakland resident." She first moved to the Lake Merritt area in 1975, leaving to get her law degree at Georgetown University in 1981. After practicing law in Los Angeles, Nayo returned to Oakland in 1996. Before she began her real estate practice, she was — briefly — a sales associate at Edition Books in Montclair Village.

"I knew, the whole time I was away from Area, that I'd be back," Nayo says. "The area is gorgeous, and its housing stock is nearly as old as its population. Residential real estate sales is the beating heart of this glorious area."

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Forum Meeting
The public is always welcome to the forum meeting. The forum is sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors.

The focus of each meeting is a featured speaker and the discussion of important real estate issues and community concerns. The forum is dedicated to helping realtors stay informed about the real estate market, the community and issues that affect the economy. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, July 10 beginning with registration and networking at 9 a.m. The location is the Peninsula Community Center at 1000 Mariposa Avenue in Menlo Park.

The speakers are **Donna Moore** and **Kristine Moore** of Home Rearrangements. They will explain how they transform homes, using existing furnishings. Home transformations could mean more dollars for a seller. Agents are encouraged to bring information on listings for presentation to the group. For more information call **Kristen McMahon** at 510-523-7229.

Workshop on Homebuying Basics
Home Buyer Basics is a workshop for first-time homebuyers with a soup to nuts review of all aspects of the homebuying process.

The class is conducted by mortgage broker, **Karen Ward** of Loan Mortgage and Julie **Chase** of Red Oak Realty. The workshop is scheduled for tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in San Leandro. There is no fee for the class, but reservations are a must. For reservations call the Workshop Hotline at 510-718-2134.

Real Estate Careers
Have you ever wondered about a career in real estate? Want to know what it takes? What type of schooling is involved? How do I prepare for the exam?

The answers to your questions are available through the **Vallejo Fields School of Real Estate**. For more information call the Oakland office at 510-7977 or the main office, in San Francisco at 415-956-6169. You Can Own A Home

Home Buying 101 is a free seminar with First Security Bank, residential loan specialist and instructor **Stan Johnson**. Learn the basic steps to preparing for homeownership.

The seminar is Saturday, July 28 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The location is the lower level conference room, of the Sanwa building in San Leandro at the corner of Hesperian and East 40th Street.

Seating is limited, so reservations are required. RSVP to 510-614-2433.

REAL ESTATE ASSISTANT TRAINING

The Oakland Association of Realtors is offering "The Assistant Training Program," a four-

part course to train real estate assistants. Real Estate Business Service, Inc., a subsidiary of The California Association of Realtors will instruct.

Assistants will learn the steps of the transaction, what they can and cannot do and technology to make their jobs easier.

The program is held on the first four Fridays in August. The fee for the complete four course program is \$195 or \$75 per course. For registration or an informational flyer contact **Mary Walton** at the OAR office at 510-836-3000.

REALTISTS

The Associated Real Property Brokers (ARPB) holds a networking breakfast on the third Wednesday of every month. This month's breakfast is on July 18 from 8 to 10 a.m.

The Oak Tree Grille on Embarcadero in Oakland is the location. Real estate agents are encouraged to bring flyers and market their properties. The meeting is open forum.

For more information call **Bridget Cain** of Fidelity National Title at 510-893-8100.

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HOLE IN ONE TIMES THREE

ARPB Invitational Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual Invitational Golf Tournament is presented by the Associated Real Property Brokers. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 7 at Chabot Golf Course.

The tournament format is a Scramble with cash prizes, trophies and lots of refreshments. Opportunities for sponsorship and donations of raffle prizes are still available.

An Awards Party will follow immediately after play. For reservations or additional information call 510-568-4350.

BAR Golf Tournament
Sign up now for the BAR Golf Tournament and Barbecue Dinner. The barbecue includes steak, chicken and the works. The tournament is at Tilden Park Golf Course in Berkeley on Friday, July 20. Play will be a scramble format with a shotgun start.

First, second and third place winners will receive cash prizes. To receive an informational flyer contact **Shawn Moore** of Old Republic Title at 510-527-4700 or **Steve Yoshimura** of Nakamura Realty at 510-848-4288.

Mini Golf Tourney
The Affiliate Committee of the Bay East Association of Realtors presents the Third Annual **George Porgie's Mini Golf Tourney** "Putt With Me."

This tournament is a fundraiser benefiting "Members Helping Members", a division of the B.E.A.R. Foundation.

There are 18 holes of putting at the Golden Tee in Castro Valley, on Friday, July



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Credit Worthy

20 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tickets include lunch and kids of all ages are invited.

There will be prizes, games and entertainment. The committee is looking for sponsors and raffle prizes.

For tickets or more information call **Georgia Rittler** of Placer Title Company at 510-614-2965.

UPCOMING FOR WCR

Last Chance For Bay Cruise

Friday, July 13 is the date for the WCR Fourth Annual Bay Cruise & Networking Extravaganza. Hosted by the San Francisco Chapter, all area chapters are invited to attend.

This event is always a sell-out, so make your reservation now. Boarding is at 2:45 p.m. on the Monte Carlo Yacht, Pier 33, San Francisco Bay, at Embarcadero and Bay.

The cruise is from 3 to 6 p.m. For more information contact Chairperson **Betty Sun Wong** at 888-BETTYWCR.

Dinner Theater Under The Stars
Picnic, play in the park. Join the WCR EB Chapter on Thursday, July 12 for a Theater Under The Stars at the Woodminster Amphitheater in Oakland.

The evening starts off with dinner and wine at 6:30 p.m. At 8:30 watch a live performance of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Carousel".

Sponsors for the event are **Denise Sonnier** of Home Equity Link, **Aldee Jerome** of Fidelity National Title and **Dagmar Saterla** of American Home Shield.

For tickets and reservation information call **Denise Sonnier** of Home Equity Link at 510-393-5400.

ATTENTION MORTGAGE PROFESSIONALS

The California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL) and the California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CAMB) strive to keep mortgage professionals educated and informed. Both have monthly dinner meetings, with guest speakers discussing timely topics.

CARB meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month beginning with networking at 6 p.m.

Networking also kicks off each CAMB meeting, held on the fourth Thursday of each month. To find out more call these organization's hotlines. The CARL Hotline is 925-746-1847. The CAMB Hotline is 925-275-2663.

CARB Breakfast Club
Join the lively Wednesday Morning Breakfast Meetings, presented by the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL).

Meetings are held every Wednesday at American Title in Walnut Creek on Olympic

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She's a Yankee Doodle dandy

Repeating column Number 250 which first appeared July 1998

When I was a kid I loved having a birthday on the 4th of July. It seemed to me that everyone in the whole country was celebrating my birthday and this included, my aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents who gathered at my aunt's ranch in Napa for a party.

We ate potato salad and chocolate cake that my grandmother made every year at my request. After dark my grandpa set off fireworks, pinwheels hanging from nails on the fence and rockets. We all got sparklers, too.

I haven't seen any fireworks for some years now. My children are usually with their dad on the 4th so I am free to do whatever I like.

There are many ways I might choose to spend my birthday but every year I choose my favorite: pruning, weeding, tending my flowers in my bare feet. I like working hard, getting tired and dirty.

Which is just what I did again this year, and while I was at it, Anet gave me the finest birthday present: She spent hours power washing my back patios for me, providing me such visual pleasure. Like a newly painted room, the impact is super.

We have our own little power washer, one we bought at Costco last year for about \$150. We just happened upon the washer section in the store, then stood looking at the various models trying to figure an excuse to buy one.

Quite suddenly we delightedly decided that the company could use a power washer to loan to clients.

It's the cutest little thing: sunshine yellow and about the size of a chubby vacuum cleaner. This one is powerful without being the kind with a higher pressure spray that could cause bodily harm. It's German-made, well designed and executed.

The day we bought it, we took it to my house to try it out. My house wraps around a large patio and there is another, wider patio between the house and the garden. All that concrete turns green with moss during the winter and wet oak leaves leave brown stains on the surface. I was dying to try cleaning the concrete.

I took the machine out of the box, read the instructions, connected a garden hose to one end of the washer, plugged it in, and started to spray. Instantly a circle of clean appeared. It was exciting!

Anet wanted to try. She never let me operate the machine again.

She washed along making clean places, tried out each of the

3 wands that come with the machine, found her technique. She shouted to me over the noise of the operation things like, "Wow! Look at this!"

That first day, the patios and the house siding were washed. Also the brick stairs and the driveway. I'm sure she would have gone on to wash the sidewalk except that there isn't one where I live.

At the end she was wet and splattered with dots of mud. She was smiling and looking very satisfied with herself. We stood and stared at all the new, clean, fresh surfaces. Anet said that washing things with a power washer is above all, meditative. You just let your mind go, she says. You hold the wand in your hands, watch the dirt flow away, move steadily into la la land.

Power washing does mess up the windows; they have to be washed afterwards but that's OK. And that first time, we found that the force of the water can take paint off of the building; you have to be careful of that.

But it makes wood look brand new. We loaned the washer to some clients, friends who bought a house from us, and they used it to clean their redwood deck.

The results were amazing. We could hardly believe it was the same deck, it looked so clean.

And so, for my birthday this year, beginning with gratefully dirty patios, Anet got out the machine and did the power wash again.

She plugged in the little baby, moved along mesmerized for quite a long time and washed all of my concrete clean.



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It's the cutest little thing: sunshine yellow and about the size of a chubby vacuum cleaner.

As she washed, I moved the outdoor furniture out of her path (later she washed the furniture too). I swept up the oak leaves that had fallen over the winter, pulled weeds, and clipped back the ivy.

All the cobwebs on the house were washed away and Anet cleaned the windows.

At the end of the day, my feet and hands were black with dirt, my garden looked better, and outside sparkling windows, the concrete is as clean and pretty as a white sand beach leading to the garden.

Anet Tarpo and Pat Talbert are licensed real estate agents who specialize in single family houses. They also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached by e-mail at patanet@ml.net or by phone at 510-653-2050

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THE PIANO IS NOT THE ONLY GRAND DESIGN ELEMENT IN THIS ROOM. The vaulted ceiling highlights the half-round transom windows that bathe the room in light. One of the focal points of the room, however, is a design element that can be added to any existing room, as well as to new home construction — the bank of built-in shelves. Notice that they frame the area of the room where the couch would be placed, adding overhead shelves with downlighting as well. The result is the feeling of an older home in newer home design.

Credit scoring — What does it mean?

Well, the secret's out. The mystery is about to be revealed. As of last Sunday, July 1, state law requires that lenders share that allusive three-digit number that wraps up your entire credit history into a computerized slot, also known as a credit score.

Since introduced to the mortgage lending industry in November 1997, credit scoring has matured to the point that score-driven lenders believe that a mortgage loan will live and die based on this score from the three credit bureaus.

But what do these scores really mean?

The three credit reporting repositories and their scoring models are: Experian/FICO; Equifax/Beacon; and Trans Union/Emperica.

According to our source at myfico.com, the scores range from 850 on the highest best credit end to 350 as the worst end.

Scores of 800 plus are held by 11 percent of the population and only have a 1 percent chance that the borrower will default on the loan. These people are also known to walk on water and heal the sick.

Those who have scores between 750 and 799 make up 29 percent of the population and have a 2 percent chance of defaulting on their loan.

This is the level of superior credit and often lenders will reward this group by discounting the fees (or points) for the cost of their interest rate.

Scores from 700 to 749 make up 20 percent of the population and are still considered as having excellent credit with only a 5 percent chance of default.

These people always pay their debts on time but may have a lot of available credit. However, most likely they maintain a maximum balance of one-third of the available credit and/or pay off their credit card balances every month.

Seven-hundred is usually minimum score required for the best rates when going "stated income" loan with no verification of income, something necessary for us self employed people who write off every imaginable legal

expense to keep the IRS from taking all of our money.

A score of 650 to 699 can still be considered "A" paper pricing, but warrants a closer look by the lender. Sixteen percent of the population make up this group.

Usually this is not a matter of delinquent credit history, but too many credit cards and maximizing the available credit.

A score of 680 is normally considered the minimum score for the best Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac rates, but we have seen some lenders accept scores as low as 620 using traditional make sense underwriting with compensating factors.

Delinquency rates — the percentage in that group that will default on a mortgage loan, file bankruptcy or fall 90 days past due on at least one credit account — jumps to 15 percent for this group.

When we get to the 600 to 649 group, who make up 11 percent of the population the delinquency rate more than doubles to 31 percent.

Usually these borrowers are recovering credit users who are rebuilding their credit after some crisis in their lives. For these borrowers, the sub-prime industry was born.

And, although their mortgage loan interest rate could run as high as two points (2 percent of the loan amount) above normal Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac rates, they only need to hold onto the mortgage for two to three years to rebuild their credit.

There are also mortgage loans called "credit builders" where the lender will reward the borrower and periodically reduce the interest rate for on time payments without the need to refinance.

Those with scores of 550 to 599 make up only 7 percent of the population but have a 51 percent delinquency rate.

And, the 500 to 549 group is 5 percent of the population and has a 71 percent delinquency rate. Most sub-prime lenders have a minimum score requirement of 520 and the interest rates for these borrowers can be pretty hefty.

Also, in order to alleviate the risk factors, lenders often limit loan to value to 70 percent and below.



KAREN SENZIG

The great thing about credit scoring is that the factors that go into making them are consistent and related to credit paying practices.

Only 1 percent of the population have scores of 499 or lower and their delinquency rate is 87 percent.

There are lenders who ignore the scores and listen to the borrower's story. There are those who by helping her choose co-signing for a loan and who was consistently late with payments.

Or, the man who was in a terrible auto accident and a rough time, for awhile, with the medical expenses.

As long as the borrower is documented, and the lender believes the current situation is stable and, by using traditional underwriting fully documented income and assets, the lenders who will make loans.

The great thing about credit scoring is that the factors that go into making the score are consistent and related to credit paying practices.

That is, as long as the lender that is being reported is consistent. But then that's a whole other column in the world of Mortgage Madness.

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Open Sunday

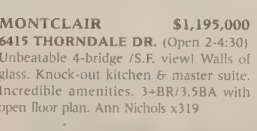
CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,395,000
1442 GRAND VIEW DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Magnificent European villa w/piano S.E. Bay & G. G. Bridge views. 5+BR/5+BA, approx. 5500 sq. ft., 3 fireplaces, media rm, den, au-pair, kitchen/family rm. Patricia Scott x315



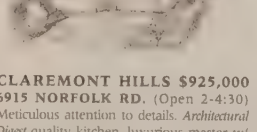
MONTCLAIR \$2,150,000
6401 GWIN RD. (Open 2-4:30) Great "open" center court yard design by Paul Vincent. 5BR/5.5BA, family room, rumpus w/level out yard. Francis Heath x357



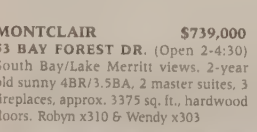
MONTCLAIR \$1,399,000
6291 RUTHLAND RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Smashing 3900 ± sq. ft. 4BR/3.5BA custom w/S.E. & Golden Gate views. Formal dining, kitch/family room & den. Exceptional quality! Dee Knowland x318



MONTCLAIR \$1,195,000
6415 THORNDAL DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Unbeatable 4-bridge (S.E. view) Walls of glass. Knock-out kitchen & master suite. Incredible amenities. 3+BR/3.5BA with open floor plan. Ann Nichols x319



CLAREMONT HILLS \$925,000
6915 NORFOLK RD. (Open 2-4:30)
Meticulous attention to details. Architectural Digest quality kitchen, luxurious master w/ sitting areas & central courtyard. 4BR/2.5BA. Wendy Sprague x340



MONTCLAIR \$739,000
53 BAY FOREST DR. (Open 2-4:30)
South Bay/Lake Merritt views. 2-year old sunny 4BR/3.5BA, 2 master suites, 3 fireplaces, approx. 3375 sq. ft., hardwood floors. Robyn x310 & Wendy x303

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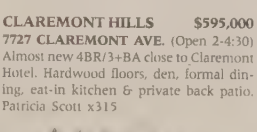
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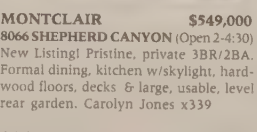
RIDGEMONT \$699,000
4836 CALDERWOOD CT. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Quiet cul-de-sac with spectacular canyon vistas. Soaring ceilings, 3+BR/2.5BA, kitchen/family room, extraordinary 1+ acre lot. Robyn Mohr x310



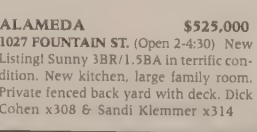
UPPER OAKMORE \$609,000
2333 LEIMERT BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Sophisticated traditional upgraded w/style & panache. Cook's kitchen & gracious living room open to patio & beautiful garden. 3BR/2BA. Ten Carlisle x305



CLAREMONT HILLS \$595,000
7727 CLAREMONT AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
Almost new 4BR/3+BA close to Claremont Hotel. Hardwood floors, den, formal dining, eat-in kitchen & private back patio. Patricia Scott x315



MONTCLAIR \$549,000
8066 SHEPHERD CANYON (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Pristine, private 3BR/2BA. Formal dining, kitchen w/skylight, hardwood floors, decks & large, usable, level rear garden. Carolyn Jones x339



ALAMEDA \$525,000
1027 FOUNTAIN ST. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Sunny 3BR/1.5BA in terrific condition. New kitchen, large family room. Private fenced back yard with deck. Dick Cohen x308 & Sandi Klemmer x314

Open Sunday



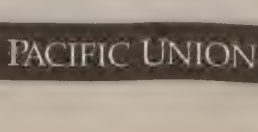
PIEDMONT \$475,000
914 ROSE AVE. (Open 2-4:30) New Listing! Freshly updated 3BR/1.5BA home w/ large updated kitchen, newly refinished hardwood floors, formal dining, professionally landscaped yards. Debi Fitzgerald x306



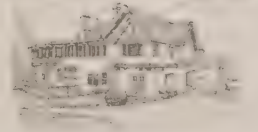
BERKELEY \$419,000
3004 DANA ST. (Open 2-4:30) Wonderful 1924 traditional in premium location near shops and restaurants. 2+BR/2BA, formal dining, charming den/sunroom and master suite. Donna Costella x355



LAUREL DISTRICT \$329,000
4433 HYACINTH AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
New Listing! Charming bright bungalow w/formal dining room, hardwood floors, open floor plan and eat-in kitchen. 2BR/1BA. Vicki Woodhead x334



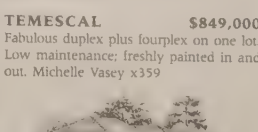
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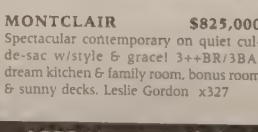
PIEDMONT \$3,650,000
Historic estate, w/panoramic Bay views. 5+BR/4+ BA, 4 fireplaces, approx. 27,000 square foot lot. Helen Danhaki 547-5750 & Charlotte Boyle x370



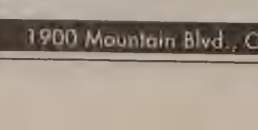
MONTCLAIR \$875,000
1997 Mediterranean surrounded by lovely landscaping. Formal dining, large kitchen, breakfast area & family room that open to patio. 5BR/3BA. Nancy Moore x302



TEMESCAL \$849,000
Fabulous duplex plus fourplex on one lot. Low maintenance; freshly painted in and out. Michelle Vasey x359



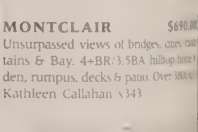
MONTCLAIR \$825,000
Spectacular contemporary on quiet cul-de-sac w/style & grace! 3+BR/3BA, dream kitchen & family room, bonus room & sunny decks. Leslie Gordon x327



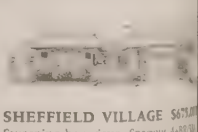
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PIEDMONT \$819,000
Central Piedmont. Mediterranean style, panoramic bay view. Family room, hardwood floors, updated & impeccable condition. 3BR/1+BA. Bonnie Hirsch x337



MONTCLAIR \$690,000
Unsurpassed views of bridges, cities, mountains & Bay. 4+BR/3.5BA hilltop home w/ den, rumpus, decks & patio. Over 3800 sq. ft. Kathleen Callahan x343



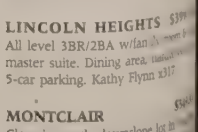
SHEFFIELD VILLAGE \$670,000
Sweeping bay views. Spacious 4+BR/3BA. Walls of glass. Large family room. Landscaped garden. Great for shared living. On-site drive. Ann Nichols x319



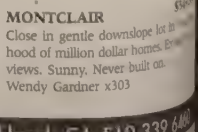
REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$580,000
4BR/3BA w/remodeled kitchen, family room & beautiful yard. Heights School Dist. Diane Earl McGowan x344



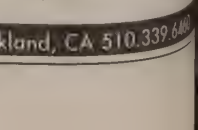
SAN LEANDRO \$580,000
Lovely 3BR/2BA tri-level home in great Estudillo Estates. Immaculate condition, remodeled kitchen & new master suite. Candy Benny x328



LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$390,000
All level 3BR/2BA w/fan, master suite, dining area, master suite, 5-car parking. Kathy Flynn x317



MONTCLAIR \$390,000
Close in gentle downslope lot in hood of million dollar homes. Excellent views. Sunny. Never built. Wendy Gardner x303



Piedmont - Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.

431 Pacific Avenue **\$1,025,000**
View • View • View! This home boasts fabulous views, spacious rooms, a great floor plan with lovely hardwood floors, 4BR/3BA and a rumpus room. Carin Caroe

2 York Drive **New Listing \$875,000**
Fabulous O.W. Johnson home built in 1959. Newly landscaped garden, freshly painted interior, updated kitchen. Pool & patio. 5BR/3BA. Andrienne Tunney

350 Magnolia Avenue **\$689,000**
Charming, central Piedmont, traditional home with original detailing in spacious entry, living & dining rooms. Updated eat-in kitchen. 3BR/2BA + bonus room. Erika Celestre

240 Wildwood Avenue **New Listing \$619,000**
Charming Dutch Colonial. Beautifully updated w/ traditional details intact. Redesigned kitchen level to spacious deck. Lovely level garden. Elizabeth Dickson

Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.

1650 Grand View Drive **\$1,325,000**
Dramatic new home w/sweeping Bay view & fabulous open floor plan. Exquisite master retreat, spacious family room + library & media room. 4+BR/4.5BA. Steve Michaelides

13000 Skyline Blvd **New Listing \$1,195,000**
Dramatic country estate on a level acre w/Mt. Diablo views. Large kitchen, family room & 4BR/3.5BA. Charming guest cottage. Michelle Winchester

50 Lane Court **\$995,000**
Level access to a charming home with a panoramic, two bridge view. Exceptional brick enclosed patio. Gorgeous gardens. Wonderful light. 3BR/2BA. Jean Simmons

5842 Estates Drive **New Listing \$899,000**
Fabulous open floor plan w/gorgeous level out garden. Enjoy the "great room" & the new gourmet kitchen. The 5BR/3.5BA offers space for everyone! Anian Pettit Tunney

1053 Sunnyhills Road **New Listing \$895,000**
Grand English Tudor w/elegant formal living & dining room, remodeled eat-in kitchen, master suite, 2 additional bedrooms & 3BA. Home office & sunny garden. James Garcia

1047 Sunnyhills Road **\$799,000**
Sunny Crocker Highlands English with exquisite period detailing, 4BR, home office, kitchen level to private garden/patio. Judith Cain

681 Vernon Street **New Listing \$769,000**
Built in a time when craftsman took great pride in their work, this 3BR/3BA home is a feast for the eyes. Come and discover this architectural treasure. Mavis Delacroix

388 44th Street **New Listing \$439,000**
Charming 3+BR/1BA Temescal home. Updated eat-in kitchen, large living room, formal dining room, fenced rear garden & separate studio. Judy Rankankan

3206 Ellis Street **New Listing \$435,000**
BERKELEY. Classic & restored 3BR/2BA Craftsman w/ original details. Fireplace, hardwood floors, beamed ceiling, gourmet kitchen w/granite & stainless. Great garden. Jill Carrigan

5650 Broadway **New Listing \$419,000**
This spacious Craftsman includes classic details, country kitchen, new bath, traditional formal rooms & 3BR. Move-in condition. Sunny setting. Sandra Vogl

By Appointment

Piedmont Mediterranean **\$1,595,000**
Elegant Mediterranean w/fabulous architectural details. Gourmet "chefs" kitchen opens level out to a beautiful private garden. SF views. Anian Pettit Tunney

Stunning Piedmont **\$1,495,000**
Fabulous Mediterranean home w/spectacular entry, stained glass windows, 4 large BR (master BR has a fireplace). Lovely family room level out to garden. Anian Pettit Tunney

Urban Retreat **New Listing \$869,000**
Almost 2 acres just minutes from Berkeley. Striking 4BR/2BA contemporary home + guest house & additional outbuildings. Near stables & trails. Chris Cohn

Claremont Traditional **\$799,000**
Berkeley. Traditional home w/formal rooms, large dining room, living room w/ fireplace, updated kitchen. 3BR/2BA. Close to shops & great restaurants. Kurt Buchholz

Contemporary Live/Work Loft **\$455,000**
Contemporary loft with top of the line designer upgrades. 1BR/1BA + office. 18 ft. ceilings, in home theater, custom patio/garden & 2 skylights. Ed Kuo

Berkeley Tri-Plex **New Listing \$395,000**
Great tri-plex for owner or investor. Vacant 2BR unit w/ hardwood floors & fireplace. Quiet street close to shops & transportation. Erika Celestre

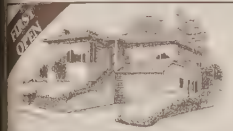
Berkeley **New Listing \$359,000**
Picture yourself in this charming bungalow w/spacious, comfortable rooms & a sunny level garden. Conveniently located near transportation. Mavis Delacroix

Charming Bungalow **\$329,000**
Wonderful hill & wooded views. Living room w/ fireplace & hardwood floors, formal dining, sunny garden, single car garage. Kurt Buchholz

Builders Dream **New Listing \$65,000**
Four contiguous lots to be sold as a package. Easy upslope on a beautiful tree lined street, conveniently located just minutes from Montclair. Jill Carrigan

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440 Bremer Avenue **\$449,000**
South Heights. New listing! Spacious 3BR/2BA, great floor plan, HWF, FP, att. Garage, level yard. 2-4:30. Rachel Baller.



5352 Boyd Avenue **\$615,000**
Rockridge. Great location & loaded with charm. 2+BD/1.5BA, lovely HWF, big level yard, close to BART & College Ave. 2-5. Terry Kulka

FIRST OPEN

372 Nottingham Drive **\$450,000**
Montclair. 3-BD/2BA. Classic shingled charmer in serene setting w/peek of bay. Updated, many features. 2-4. Nancy Malone.

OPEN SUNDAY

4655 Harbor **\$749,000**
Oakland. 4-BD/2BA updated Traditional w/eat-in kitchen, rumpus room. 2-5. Michael Thompson

4800 Sheridan Rd. **\$699,000**
Oakland. 3BD/2BA. Very sharp one level w/high ceilings, HWF, lovely garden/patio. 2-4:30. Nancy Dekey

4833 Woodhaven **\$619,000**
Oakland. 5BD/3.5BA. HWF, remodeled kitchen & baths. Close to Montclair Swim Club. 2-4:30. Nancy Dekey

4838 Golden Gate Ave. **\$542,000**
Oakland. Rockridge. Beautifully restored 2BR/1BA Mediterranean. Sunny yard. 2-4:30. Dian Hymer.

BY APPOINTMENT

Montclair **\$815,000**
Oakland. 4-BD contemp. On approx. 2/3 acre w/ SF views. Level Sunny yard. Dian Hymer

Montclair **\$6705,000**
Oakland. 4BR. New carpets, bright sunny kitchen, private deck off family room. Plenty of parking for guests. David Eckert

Crocker Highlands **\$899,000**
Oakland. 3BD/2BA. updated Traditional. Family room, swimming kitchen, new deck & new roof. Nader Davari

Franklin **\$589,000**
Oakland. 3-BD cottages on a tree-lined street, all terraces. Victor Fierro

Montclair **\$560,000**
Oakland. 4BR, walls of glass, family room, hardwood, cul-de-sac, J. Miller Park. Victor Fierro.

Piedmont Pines **\$529,000**
Oakland. 3BR. Vaulted wood ceilings, tranquil setting, lots of space. 2 stories. Donna Conroy

Woodland Heights **\$399,000**
Oakland. 2+BD/1BA. lite-filled family room, gourmet kitchen. Phyllis Wherry

Montclair **\$422,000**
Oakland. Newer roof, kit, bath. Security gate laundry & laundry. Walk to BART. Live in one & rent. It won't last. Nader Davari

Oakmore **\$479,000**
Oakland. Sunny 3BD/2BA + office (DSL), cul-de-sac, lovely yard w/decks. HWF, LR w/FP, 2-car garage. Nader Davari

Upper Rockridge **\$799,000**
Oakland. Charm & convenience! 1935 English Tudor. 4BD/3BA, vaulted ceiling LR, HWF, lovely garden, SF view. Close to BART & shops. Ruby Ng

Lafayette **\$879,000**
Oakland. Stunning 4BD/2 1/2 BA, family room, 2 FP, pool & fenced yard, master BD incl. soaking tub & walk-in closet. George Karsant

Montclair **\$499,000**
Montclair Cottage. Beautifully updated and private. 2+ BD. Fritz Hochfeller

Piedmont Pines **\$738,000**
Oakland. 3+BR/2 1/2 BA. Sweeping views, kitchen/family room combo. Formal dining & deck. Jack Brennenman.

Emeryville **\$688,000**
Emeryville. Fabulous loft. Top floor corner unit w/views of Mt. Tam & peak of SF, HWF, walls of glass, 2BR/2BA. Dell Orr.

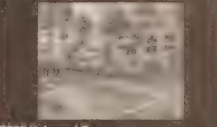
COLDWELL BANKER PRESENTS



Berkeley Hills **\$1,295,000**
Close to Gourmet Ghettos, exceptional 20 yr home lovingly restored and remodeled in 1998. 5bdms/3baths, panoramic views, formal DR, beautiful holly hts & wood trim thru-out, new plumbing, heating & electrical, alarm system, log lot, landscaped, auto sprinklers. Barbara & Kim Marienthal



211 Highland **\$2,300,000**
Piedmont. Classic Piedmont Mediterranean in the heart of Piedmont. 4+BD, fabulous remodeled kitchen/family room, spacious terrace & level backyard. Great style & quality. Open Sunday, 2-4:30. Dian Hymer



3030 Hollywood Dr. **\$999,000**
Piedmont. Enchanting Retreat. Secluded & romantic! Magical garden awaits you. Small yet sophisticated 2BD/1.5BA main house. 1AD/1.5 guest house, big pool, view, wine cellar. Open Sunday, 2-5. Donna Conroy



34 Villanova Drive **\$1,150,000**
Montclair. Need Space? Large 4BD/3BA, 3 car garage, w/ both SF and Mt. Diablo. Open Sunday 2-4:30 p.m. David Eckert

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Luxury in Oakland Hills **\$1,140,000**
Contemporary home w/ custom details, built May 2000. Serene views & lush green setting. 4bdms/3.5baths, formal dining, 3brplcs, family room & deck. Easy S.F. commute.



Home + Income **\$399,000**
Craftsman details! Over 1,250 sq ft of living space + basement in-law w/ separate entrance. Sunny deck, nice backyard & garage. Neary Ashby BART & Berkeley border.

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

BERKELEY
1140 Shattuck Ave. **\$1,295,000**
Classic & gracious, 5 bdms/3baths. Barbara & Kim Marienthal

EMERYVILLE
6019 Christie **\$459,000**
Live/work condo, 2+bdms/2baths. Nadine Dei

1232 53rd St. **\$189,000**
"Contractor special", 2bdms/1bath. Nacio Brown

HERCULES
3 Glasgow. **\$245,000**
Sunny 2bdm/2bath condo. Josh Whitmer

OAKLAND
13848 Campus Dr. **\$1,150,000**
Spectacular property, 4bdms/2.5baths. Jane Ishibashi

BY APPOINTMENT

SUNNY HERCULES END UNIT **\$245,000**
Spacious 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, w/hw home in Foxboro Village, close to Willow Ave. Private lot off dining area & master bedroom suite. Vaulted ceilings. Pool.

UPSCALE EMERYVILLE LIVE/WORK **\$459,000**
Versatile 3 level unit in a prime location near Market Hall. Easy access to SF. Custom woodwork, artistic finishes & colors. Kitchen island w/Jennair range. Tied baths, laundry & parking. 2+bdms/2baths.

GOLDEN GATE VIEWS **\$635,000**
Lively & full of light, this 3 bdrm home has loads of extra space! Built-ins, dining room & a fantastic garden add interesting details. This home has been seismically upgraded. Convenient to shops, bus & a nearby park.

CONVENIENT TO UC **\$628,000**
4+ bdrm/2 bath w/new roof, new carpet & freshly painted in & out! Remodeled kitchen, formal dining room w/fireplace & a fenced yard contribute to this home's features.

EL CERRITO BUNGALOW **\$315,000**
Cute 3 bdrm/1 bath bungalow on cul-de-sac. Access deck & spa from rear bdrm. Hardwood flrs, trpic & 1 car garage. Convenient to Solano Ave shopping & El Cerrito BART.

SUNNY UPSTAIRS UNIT **\$359,000**
Lovingly restored Victorian. 2+bdms/1bath. Private rear deck. Lovely garden. Garage parking. Close to BART, Campus & No. Shattuck shops & restaurants

UPDATED CONTEMPORARY **\$309,500**
Great opportunity! This home has 3 bms/1bath w/spa, an updated kitchen, master suite w/dors to spa, a 2 car garage and a huge yard awaiting your pleasure!

HOME + INCOME **\$399,000**
NEW LISTING! Craftsman details. Over 1,250 sq ft of living space + bsmt in-law w/ separate entrance. Sunny deck, nice back yard & garage. Near Ashby BART, Berkeley Bowl & Berkeley border.

Clean Emeryville Condo **\$210,000**
New Listing! Sparkling 2bdm/1ba unit in special urban oasis. Perfect starter convenient to all Emeryville amenities and new hi-tech business.

Sunny Slopes of El Cerrito **\$275,000**
New Listing! 3bdrm/2ba home near community park. Fenced rear yard w/lawn & play space. Expansion potential in large bsmt. Easy freeway & BART. Hardwood, fireplace & garage.

Sparkling Annex Starter **\$289,000**
New Listing! Charming 2bdm/1ba on great street w/ gorgeous hillside views! New deck overlooks garden & is perfect for parties & morning coffee! Hdwd floors, upgrades throughout.

Modern-Day Bungalow **\$549,000**
Light-filled home w/detached office & sep workshop. 3+bdms/2ba. Remod kitch/baths. Mstr ste looks onto garden. Great location near transp. & shops.

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Shining some light on energy-efficient homes

■ Experts believe that simple solutions can make a big difference when it comes to energy savings

BY CURTIS MORGAN
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Maybe the answer to America's energy crunch isn't under the wild Arctic tundra but in a quiet Florida suburb.

There you'll find a comfortable but modest two-story house, standing out only slightly among the barrel-tiled tracts for its modern lines and tall, shady trees. The things that make this 2,100-square-foot, three-bedroom, two-bath home compelling are not visible.

The last three electrical bills: \$22, \$25 and \$28. Come summer, they jump to a whopping \$60. That's easily a third or less of what most of its neighbors pay.

With debate raging over the role of conservation in President Bush's national energy policy, Jack Parker, a Florida International University professor, offers the home he built as evidence of its potential.

"What I really emphasize are practical, sometimes old-fashioned answers, which are not related to any great sacrifice," said Parker who teaches chemistry and environmental studies and has long crusaded for more efficient appliances, building and landscaping standards. "My house is built particularly so we don't have to build new power plants."

President Bush has a decidedly different solution to the energy crisis. In a plan released last month, the administration urges the construction of 1,300 to 1,900 power plants and a massive expansion of the energy grid over the next two decades. The most controversial proposals would ease pollution regulations and open more federal lands, including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska, to oil and gas drilling.

Though it contains 40-plus conservation measures, including tax breaks for high-mileage hybrid cars and alternative technology like solar panels, critics charge the plan tilts heavily toward increasing supply when they insist reducing demand would be easier, faster, cleaner and perhaps more effective.

That's arguable, but conservation, boosted by an array of efficient new appliances and other technology, does have an impressive record of results — and not just at Parker's house.

At Miami-Dade Community College, for example, a two-year program has cut demand about 10 percent and will save \$500,000 this year, said Chris Moran, vice provost for facilities operations.

Most of that has come from simply swapping old lights for new fluorescent bulbs that draw a fraction of the juice and can last for years. But the school is also installing other devices and timers, including some that even shut off unused computers.

"We've only retrofitted about 50 percent of the campus," Moran said. "We're going to see increased savings each year."

The lights, more expensive than regular bulbs, pay for themselves in less than a year, he said, and there's also labor savings. The college used to have a five-person crew devoted to changing 2 million bulbs on multiple campuses. Now, two can handle the job.

Florida Power & Light, which supplies 8 million people, estimates that its conservation programs — from devices that cycle home air conditioners off to energy audits and rebates for efficient appliances — have reduced the need for as many as seven medium-size power plants.

Over the next decade, said spokeswoman Kathy Scott, FPL estimates the programs will reduce demand about 795 megawatts, enough power for more than 170,000 homes.

Efficiency advocates like Parker and national groups like The Alliance to Save Energy, a coalition of business, consumer and environmental groups, say things that could make huge differences are available now. They say the administration is seriously underselling conservation's impact, which is more than just a "sign of personal virtue," as Vice President Dick Cheney called it.

The Alliance, for instance, estimates the federal government, the nation's largest power consumer with some 500,000 buildings, wastes \$1 billion a year worth of juice.



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR JACK PARKER AND HIS WIFE, JANET, offer the home they built as evidence that conservation really pays: Their last three electrical bills: \$22, \$25 and \$28. Come summer, they jump to a whopping \$60. That's easily a third or less of what most of its neighbors pay.

That's supported by the federal government itself. In May, The New York Times reported that studies by the national laboratories projected efficiency programs could cut the federal electrical bill by 20 to 47 percent — equal to the output of between 265 and 610 power plants. Another national lab report said a \$5.2 billion investment to reduce use by 20 percent would pay for itself in just five years.

"Their primary response is dig more, mine more and build more," David Nemtsov, the alliance president, said in a statement. "They should also say, 'Waste less.'"

No Spartan lifestyle

In FIU professor Parker's view, conservation doesn't mean cutting back at all — except in the

amount of the check he writes monthly to FPL. The home he and his wife, Janet, share isn't full of whiz-bang devices, isn't hot, isn't dark and certainly isn't Spartan. But its super-efficiency is boosted by some architectural tricks — large and numerous windows, including high second-floor ones that funnel hot air out. An open ceiling over the kitchen does the same thing, acting as a chimney to draw heat up and out. In the back yard, which faces a lake, the landscaping forms a cooling wind tunnel to funnel breezes into the house.

But beyond design, much of what Parker does could be applied to just about any home. The gas stove accrues a \$5 monthly bill. The walls and roof are light colors, which can cut cooling

costs as much as 20 percent alone. Shade trees only add to the savings. The house has seven kinds of light bulbs, all super-efficient, as well as multiple ceiling fans, and there's a solar water heater on the roof.

The biggest saver: Dual air conditioners, again high efficiency. The house is cool enough that only the upstairs bedroom unit regularly runs and the roof is further cooled by insulation and radiant barriers.

Small steps, big results

The normal homeowner might not get such staggering results, but even simple steps can make a huge difference.

"If you use these techniques, even if you never open a window, you can still reduce your air condi-

tioning by 50 percent," Parker said. Air conditioners typically make up half of a home's electricity bill.

Not far down the road, Parker might even get smaller bills by installing photo-voltaic cells to convert sunshine into electricity. The panels, increasingly available overseas, are dropping in price, he said. There's still more money in developments for buildings, including turbines powered by natural gas. They already are being used to power some restaurants.

Homes like his aren't a scary vision of the future, he says. "The future is very attainable. It's just a matter of taking the small steps," Parker said. "The future is very attainable. It's just a matter of taking the small steps."

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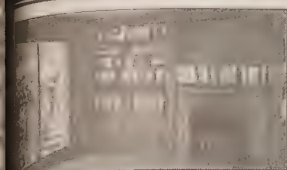
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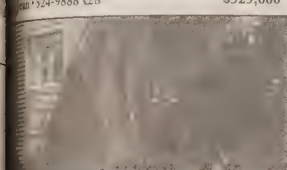
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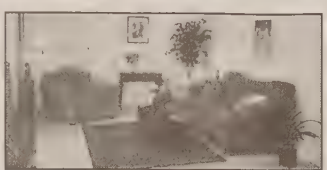
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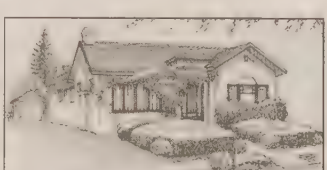
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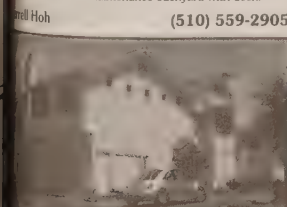
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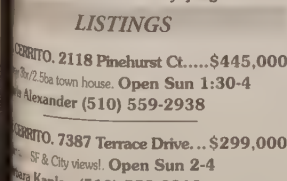
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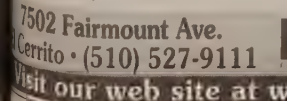
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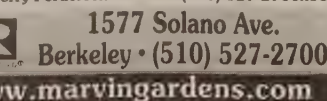
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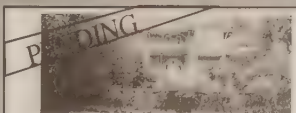


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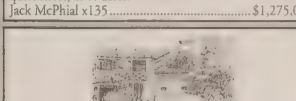
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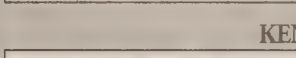
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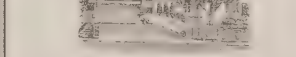
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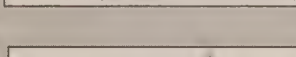
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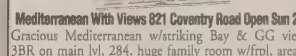
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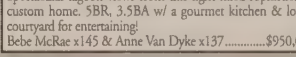
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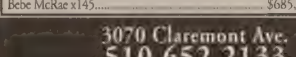
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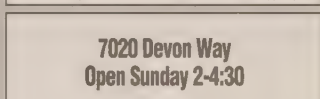
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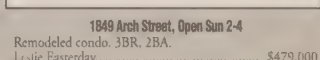
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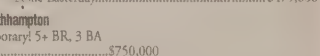
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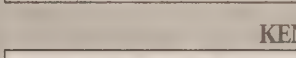


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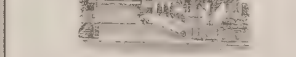
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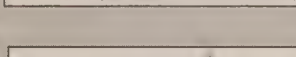
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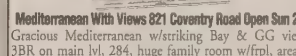
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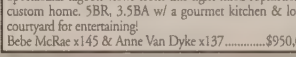
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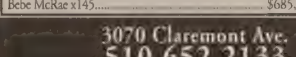
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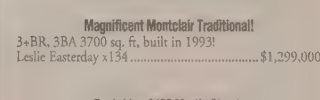
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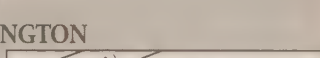
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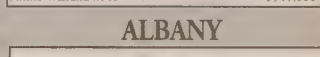
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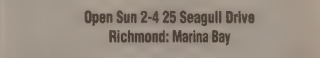
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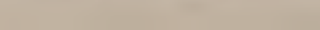
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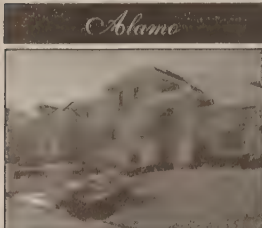

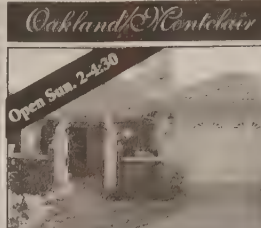

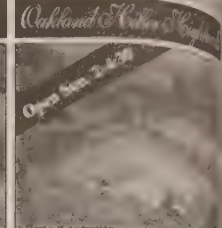





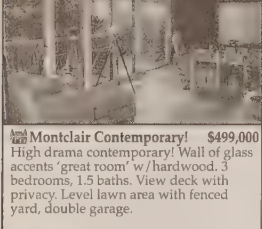
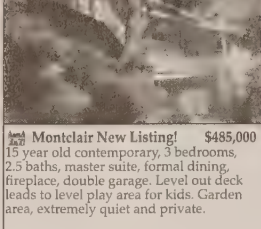
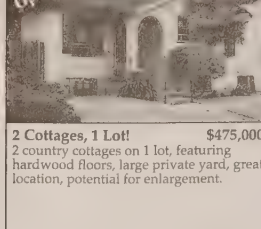
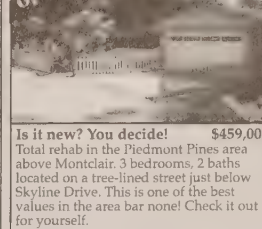
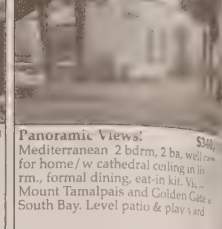
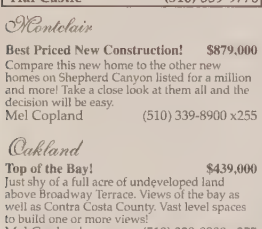



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 <p>Oakland</p> <p>Top of the Bay! \$439,000 Just shy of a full acre of undeveloped land above Broadway Terrace. Views of the bay as well as Contra Costa County. Vast level spaces to build one or more views! Mel Copland (510) 339-8900 x255</p>	 <p>Oakland</p> <p>Not just "Park Like"! \$249,000 Located directly above the Redwood Park Skyline gate, on a cul-de-sac. This is a builder's dream, gentle downslope lot with bay views. Bring your builder, banker, and check book! Mel Copland (510) 339-8900 x255</p>			

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3 YEAR OLD CONTEMPORARY.....\$775,000
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CHARMING TRADITIONAL.....\$695,000
...with million dollar views, 180 degree view of Bay, City, and Bridges. Barrel ceiling, Hwd flrs, remodeled kitchen, quality details intact. Freshly painted interior, beautiful courtyard. Full flowering backyard w/pool. 1784 Laimert Blvd.
Martha Shin 510-339-8400

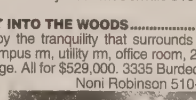


CROCKER HIGHLANDS TUDOR.....\$695,000
Original architectural details plus a newer bath and kitchen. Main level bedroom and bath, ideal home to share. Bonus area, 2 car gar with interior access. 921 Sunnyhills Rd.
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TRANQUILITY WITH PROXIMITY.....\$675,000
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NEW LISTING-ROCKRIDGE.....\$490,000
Nice traditional convenient to University, College Avenue shops and Claremont business district. First time open to public at this great price! Don't miss this one! 362 60th St. Rosemary Greene 510-339-4000

IDORA PARK TREASURE-JUST LISTED.....\$389,000
Rare opportunity in this historic Oakland area. Idora park features lovely Mediterranean homes, lg yards & utilities below ground. This home has hwd flrs, fm dining & a large yard. 562 Alleen St.
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HOME OF THE WEEK.....\$355,000
Very inviting 3-bedroom home on 9850 sf gardener's lots. Remodeled kitchen, newer roof and fresh paint allow time to enjoy idyllic hill views from patio. Very special! 524 Kennelworth, San Leandro
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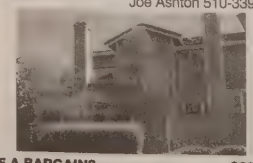
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP!.....\$467,000
This charming Glenview Bungalow offers beautiful architectural details and original woodwork throughout. Hardwood floors, lvg rm w/tp, kitchen/family rm combo, nice sized master suite w/full bath & a fenced BY w/fruit trees and a vegetable garden make this the ultimate example of Bungalow perfection. 3837 Glen Park
Nahid Nassiri 510-339-8400



WONDERFUL OAKMORE STARTER!.....\$349,000
Freshly painted, inside & out, with new wall-to-wall carpet & lino in kitchen & bath. Large living room w/lr/place, formal dining room, & large, level private backyard. 2056 Clemens
Rosie Nysaether 510-339-8400

ROSE GARDEN AT A SPECIAL PRICE...\$325,000
2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home tucked away at the end of a cul-de-sac. Good, clean condition, fireplace, extra rooms downstairs, 2-car garage. 463 Jean St.
Jim Schubert 510-339-4000

KING ESTATES CHARMER.....\$309,000
Comfort, style, and convenience with updated kitchen & bath, hardwood fls, balcony, romantic patio garden, hills views, det garage. 7977 Sterling Dr.
Joe Ashton 510-339-4000



LOVE A BARGAIN?.....\$288,500
Then head for this 3 BDRM, 2.5 BA spacious beauty in a quiet private setting. New carpets, new tile, deck with hot tub and all in move in condition. 357 N. Wildwood, Hercules
Jody Edmonson 510-339-4000

RARE & BEAUTIFUL ROSE GARDEN CONDO...\$225,000
...in a 15-year-old building of original condos, this 1-bedroom has almost 1000 sq. ft., fireplace, in-unit laundry(!), large sunny kitchen, lovely private deck, 1/2 block from the Rose Garden. 655 Chetwood #202
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COMING SOON!.....**PRICE UPON REQUEST**
Wonderful Berkeley Hills home offering 5 bd, 3 bath. Quality & tasteful touches are reflected throughout in the new tile & hwd fls, to the beautiful granite counter tops in the lg eat-in kitchen. Casual poolside living can be yours to enjoy in your lushly landscaped yard where you can soak in the sun on your private patio.
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By Appointment

BREATHTAKING PANORAMIC VIEWS...\$695,000
...from almost every spacious rm of this extraordinary 4 bd, 3 ba Oakland Hills Mediterranean. The living rm w/soaring ceilings, marble tp & tile access, formal dining rm, and gourmet kitchen/family rm combo are a few examples of sophisticated living at its best. 4236 Terrabella Way
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PRICE REDUCED 50K.....\$685,000
Dramatic contemporary in Montclair. Tahoe setting. Serene & private setting. App. 3000 sq ft. Barrel ceiling, hwd, Sunken LR, FDR, Family Room adjacent to kitchen w/2nd fireplace. 4 BR, 3 baths walk to village, schools, transportation & restaurants. Freshly painted interior & exterior.
Martha Shin 510-339-8400

NEWER THAN NEW.....\$336,000
One of the best homes in the Hayward Hills. Nice, serene cul-de-sac. Ready to move in.
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DUPLEX WITH HOMEY FEEL.....\$330,000
Deep lot w/garden, convenient location. Bungalow style. 1 unit 4 BR/1 bath. 2nd unit 2 BR/1 bath. Needs TLC could be a beauty. Don't miss this one.
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4PLEX IN GREAT CONDITION.....\$440,000
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FOR RENT.....\$2000
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WEEKLY SALES

ALAMEDA
 10000 Alameda Rd - \$860,000
 10000 Alameda Rd - \$426,000
 10000 Alameda Rd - \$496,000
 10000 Alameda Rd - \$340,000
 10000 Alameda Rd - \$318,000
 10000 Alameda Rd - \$675,000
 10000 Alameda Rd - \$391,000
 10000 Alameda Rd - \$317,000
 10000 Alameda Rd - \$380,000
 10000 Alameda Rd - \$429,000
 10000 Alameda Rd - \$245,000

ALBANY
 10000 Washington Av - \$529,000

BERKELEY
 10000 10th St - \$257,500
 10000 10th St - \$297,000
 10000 10th St - \$400,000
 10000 10th St - \$722,000
 10000 10th St - \$812,500
 10000 10th St - \$905,000
 10000 10th St - \$465,000
 10000 10th St - \$84,000
 10000 10th St - \$497,000
 10000 10th St - \$497,000
 10000 10th St - \$980,000
 10000 10th St - \$415,000
 10000 10th St - \$527,500
 10000 10th St - \$645,000

EL CERRITO
 10000 Arlington Bl - \$480,000
 10000 Clayton Av - \$355,000
 10000 San Carlos Av - \$444,000
 10000 Zara Av - \$395,000

EL SOBRANTE
 10000 Harmon Rd - \$287,000

EMERYVILLE
 10000 Emery Bay Dr - \$240,000

KENSINGTON
 10000 Arlington Ct - \$539,000

OAKLAND
 10000 101st Av - \$189,000
 10000 109th Av - \$275,000

2645 23rd Av - \$186,500
 1110 28th St - \$145,000
 1122 34th St - \$170,000
 3820 39th Av #C - \$160,000
 810 40th St - \$320,000
 857 46th St - \$293,000
 2171 50th St - \$240,000
 1086 54th St - \$300,000
 1815 61st Av - \$200,000
 1541 68th Av - \$92,000
 2662 73rd Av - \$130,000
 2676 74th Av - \$153,000
 1019 77th Av - \$100,000
 1576 77th Av - \$227,000
 2517 79th Av - \$185,000
 1265 84th Av - \$230,000
 1421 89th Av - \$180,000
 2034 90th Av - \$195,000
 1267 94th Av - \$171,000
 1221 97th Av - \$261,000
 398 Adams St #101 - \$120,000
 3948 Archmont Pl - \$270,000
 6240 Auburn Av - \$696,000
 565 Bellevue Av #260 - \$865,000
 3858 Brighton Av - \$520,000
 6350 Broadway Tr - \$750,000
 2842 Burton Dr - \$612,000
 9227 C St - \$375,000
 2048 Church St - \$115,000
 6070 Colton Pl - \$625,500
 5019 Crystal Ridge Ct - \$638,000
 3535 Custer St - \$169,000
 3744 Delmont Av - \$265,000
 1826 Drake Dr - \$567,000
 5305 East 10th St - \$210,000
 1325 East 19th St - \$195,000
 726 East 22nd St - \$320,000
 1815 East 23rd St - \$262,500
 2197 East 24th St - \$190,000
 2210 East 24th St - \$210,000
 1263 East 34th St - \$315,000
 5536 Edgerly St - \$270,000
 1001 Elsinore Av - \$450,000
 6935 Elverton Dr - \$990,000
 3907 Enos Av - \$425,000
 5715 Fleming Av - \$415,000
 6671 Flora St - \$178,500
 3030 Ford St - \$231,000
 801 Franklin St - \$190,000
 1551 Hampel St - \$575,000
 5805 Harmon Av - \$275,000
 2724 Harrison St - \$395,000
 6216 Harwood Av - \$800,000
 3825 High St #210 - \$150,000
 42 Hunter Ct - \$185,000
 1 Kelton Ct #1G - \$230,000
 3557 Kempton Wy - \$350,000
 854 Leo Wy - \$950,000
 6630 MacArthur Bl #18 - \$135,000

7058 MacArthur Bl - \$215,000
 841 Mandana Bl - \$507,000
 3018 Maxwell Av - \$283,000
 3821 Midvale Av - \$285,000
 2040 Mitchell St - \$260,000
 6460 Mokelumne Av - \$315,000
 2503 Myrtle St - \$190,000
 6705 Oakwood Dr - \$615,000
 7833 Olive St - \$170,000
 425 Orange St #115 - \$171,000
 2836 Rawson St - \$335,000
 3139 Rawson St - \$353,000
 2732 Ritchie St - \$268,000
 106 Ross Cr - \$1,880,000
 3820 Shafter Av - \$395,000
 1247 Sunnyhills Rd - \$825,000
 6524 Sunnymere Av - \$92,000
 4201 Suter St - \$290,000
 5526 Taft Av - \$827,500
 4240 Tompkins Av - \$300,000
 5350 Trask St - \$292,000
 1260 Trestle Glen Rd - \$782,000
 5516 Vicente Wy - \$399,000
 4722 West St - \$345,000
 1767 Woodhaven Wy - \$652,000

RICHMOND

565 17th St - \$180,000
 170 2nd St - \$139,000
 41 Crest Av - \$500,000
 501 Elgin Av - \$168,500
 3309 Esmond Av - \$247,000
 5169 Fresno Av - \$260,000
 3724 Garvin Av - \$248,000
 318 Gertrude Av - \$90,000
 617 Golden Gate Av - \$450,000
 3115 Keith Dr - \$200,000
 2648 Longview Dr - \$325,000
 2352 Maricopa Av - \$465,000
 6 Mary Ln - \$235,000
 1561 Merced St - \$325,000
 1347 Monterey St - \$185,000
 14 Park Ln - \$173,000
 1715 Pennsylvania Av - \$185,000
 215 Ruby Av - \$185,500
 279 Ruby Av - \$185,000
 423 South 16th St - \$405,000
 557 South 18th St - \$136,500
 426 South 26th St - \$215,000
 3434 Sunleaf Wy - \$225,000
 5716 Van Fleet Av - \$352,500
 149 West Gertrude Av - \$160,000
 640 Yuba St - \$235,000

SAN LEANDRO

1547 140th Av - \$315,000

1500 153rd Av - \$270,000
 15368 Beatty St - \$350,000
 2214 Belvedere Av - \$315,000
 14379 Birch St - \$353,000
 1547 Boxwood Av - \$350,000
 2223 Compass Cv - \$497,000
 878 Devonshire Av - \$345,000
 14835 East 14th St #14 - \$225,000
 16500 Ehle St - \$300,000
 15084 Endicott St - \$255,000
 2523 Galleon Pl #125 - \$297,000
 880 Hutchings Dr - \$272,000
 2428 Lyle Ct - \$395,000
 359 Maud Av #2 - \$298,000
 1369 Mersey Av - \$322,000
 824 Midway Av - \$279,000
 1470 Thrush Av #24 - \$210,000

SAN LORENZO

1880 Corte Breve - \$345,000
 1394 Culver Pl - \$240,000
 147 Via Linars - \$305,000
 15864 Via Media - \$303,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 11
 LOWEST PRICE: \$245,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$860,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$426,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$461,545

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$529,000

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 14
 LOWEST PRICE: \$84,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$980,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$536,036

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$355,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$480,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$418,500

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$287,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$240,000

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$539,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 86
 LOWEST PRICE: \$92,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,880,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$357,366

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 26
 LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$500,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$249,038

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 18
 LOWEST PRICE: \$210,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$497,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$313,778

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$345,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$298,250

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1211 San Antonio Open Sunday Lillian Siles 510-865-8664 Kane & Associates	480	2-4	\$796,000
1190 St Charles Open Sunday Jury Numbauer 510-522-0980 Kane & Associates	380	2-4	\$775,000
1328 Eastshore Dr Open Sun Pat Colburn 510-865-3469 Kane & Associates	480	2-4	\$749,500
75 Steuben Bay Open Sun Chuck Bianchi 510-814-4547 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$719,000
1315 Gilebbs Dr Open Sun, Ferndale Ken Cagham, Prudential CA Realty 510-337-8670	480/2 + BA	2-4	\$699,000
2610 Evelyn Ct Open Sun Shirley McWilliam 510-814-4825 Harbor Bay Realty	3 - 80/1BA	2-4	\$695,000
116 Brunswick Open Sat Walt Jacobs 510-814-4710 Harbor Bay Realty	480/2.5BA	2-4	\$685,000
780 Limerick Open Sun Elain Mills 510-814-4821 Harbor Bay Realty	480/3BA	2-4	\$685,000
487 Coia Ballena Open Sunday Sam McDonald, Prudential CA Realty 510-337-8670	380/2BA	2-4	\$650,000
585 Tarrytown Isle Open Sun Ruth Mawkes 510-747-1101 Gallagher & Lindsey	480/2.5BA	2-4	\$645,000
210 Sea Bridge Open Sun Moon Tam 510-747-1820 Gallagher & Lindsey	480/2.5BA	2-4	\$638,000
126 Jer Vis Bay Open Sun Richard Powell 510-814-4837 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$629,000
833 Larchmont Isle Open Sat & Sun Cigman Hale 510-521-8015, Wendy Santa 510-331-2274 Kane & Associates	4 - 80	2-4	\$599,000
1828 Cambridge Open Sunday Blanca Wyman 510-522-5827, Baystate Real Estate	2 80	2-4	\$579,000
3305 Liberty Open Sunday Janette Spatz 510-521-1830, Baystate Real Estate	3 80	2-4	\$559,000
919 Pearl St Open Sun Roy Williams 510-814-4831 Harbor Bay Realty	480/3BA	2-4	\$549,000
1063 San Antonio Ave Open Sun Eileen Walker, Alameda Realty 510-865-2147	380/1.5BA	2-4	\$549,000
1810 Cornell Open Sun Linda Grant 510-814-4834 Harbor Bay Realty	380/1BA	2-4	\$545,000
308 Tideway Dr Open Sun Wall Street Realty, Barbara Price 510-769-4547	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$535,000
1027 Fountain St Open Sun Dick Cohen & Sandi Klemmer 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	380/1.5BA	2-4	\$525,000
2918 Marina Dr. For Real Estate 510-220-2463	380/1.5BA	2-4	\$525,000
1027 Fountain St Open Sun Dick Cohen & Sandi Klemmer 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	380/1.5BA	2-4	\$525,000
1615 Elm St Open Sun Alan Gooch 510-521-9980 Kane & Associates	580	2-4	\$495,000
5 Dow Open Sun George Williams 510-814-4830 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$489,000
2846 San Jose Ave Open Sun Richard Lange, Prudential CA Realty 510-337-8670	480/2BA	2-4	\$489,000
2801 Otis Open Sun Barbara Ballan 510-814-4714 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2 + BA	2-4	\$475,000
131 Avington Rd. HARBOR BAY Agent, (925) 800-1675	380/2BA	Sun, 2-4	\$469,000
1018 Armistage Open Sun Tara Lee 510-814-4840 Harbor Bay Realty	3 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$469,000
801 Park St Open Sat & Sun John Parlan 510-748-1115, Gallagher & Lindsey	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$459,000
2042 San Jose Ave Open Sunday EVA Golden Hills Builders, Peggy Trail 510-521-7963	280/1 1/2	1-4	\$450,000
215 Avington Open Sat & Sun Chuck & Nancy Bianchi 510-814-4891, Marilyn Pomeroy 510-814-4845 Harbor Bay Realty	280/2BA	2-4	\$425,000

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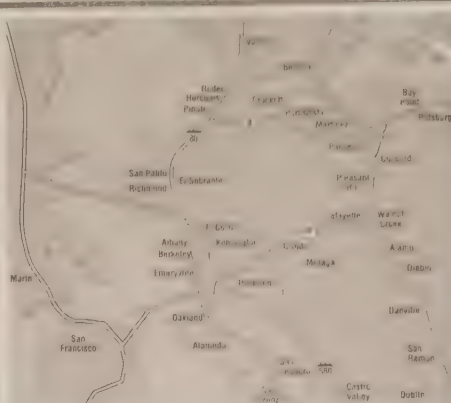
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688 Oak St Open Sunday Carol Knight, Alameda Realty 510-448-8844	380/2BA	2-4	\$386,000
224 Santa Clara Ave Open Sunday, West End Homes-Link Team 510-748-5300	380/1BA	2-4	\$380,000
1000 Easter Lane Open Sat Judy Jacobs 510-814-4711 Harbor Bay Realty	280/2BA	2-4	\$374,500
1117 Camino del Valle Open Sat & Sun Tom Young 510-814-4841 Harbor Bay Realty	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$365,000
1205 Post Ave Open Sun John Bergman 510-865-5485 Kane & Associates	2 - 80	2-4	\$359,000
329 Central Open Sunday Hanna Fry 510-521-5475 Kane & Associates	280	2-4	\$335,000
1075 Jost Lane Open Sun Marc Kane, Agency Moreno 510-523-5048 Kane & Associates	280	2-4	\$323,800
339 Broadway #218 Open Sun SB Board 510-865-2776, Gallagher & Lindsey	280/2BA	2-4	\$319,000
2101 Shoreline Dr Open Sun Virginia Ambrosini 510-521-1559, Baystate Real Estate	2 80	2-4	\$292,000
1333 Webster #A101 Open Sunday Property Investment, Diana Richmond 510-523-1115	180/1BA	2-4	\$190,000
Webster Open Sunday Nancy Fox 5101 848-1950 235, Thormal Properties.	180/1BA	2-4	\$183,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1031 Key Route Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2137, Francesca	480/3BA	2-4	\$549,000
920 Pomona Ave. Open Sun Agent, (510) 215-7636	480/2BA	1-4	Saturday
612 Adams Sandy Parker & Susan Matt, (510) 848-1950 235 & 223, Thormal Properties.	280/1BA	2-4	\$299,000
545 Pierce St. Open Sunday Agent, (510) 215-7636	280/2BA	1-4	Saturday

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
18 Robin Ct Open Sunday Judy Jacobs 510-814-4711 Harbor Bay Realty	5 - 80/3BA	2-4	\$1,275,000
RED OAK (510) 280-2137, Francesca	480/2.5BA	2-4	\$1,185,000
2390-92 Eunice St Open Sunday Chris Chen, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	80/1BA	2-4	\$950,000
7020 Devon Way Open Sun Annie Walrand 510-652-2133 ext.148, Templeton Lowenstein Co.	5 - 80/3BA	2-4	\$898,000
1520 Summit Open Sun RED OAK (510) 280-2137, Gloria	380/3.5BA	2-4	\$889,000
1011 King Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2137, Scott	3 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$799,000
15 Northampton Open Sun Ruth Francisco 510-652-2133 ext.147, Templeton Lowenstein Co.	5 - 80/3BA	2-4	\$750,000
2544 Elma St. Open Sun Steve Dopkins 510-845-8000, College Ave Realty	680/2 + BA	2-4	\$695,000
1614 Visalia Ave. Open Sunday Kathryn Hill (510) 848-1950 235 & 223, Thormal Properties.	480/2BA	2-4	\$599,000
7727 Claremont Ave. Open Sun Patricia Scott, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	480/3 - BA	2-4	\$595,000
2426 Hilgard Open Sunday Prudential, Ana & Pascal (510) 273-9332, 845-0200.	Duplex	2-4	\$579,000
1849 Arch St. Open Sun, Cordo Leale Eastman 510-652-2133 ext.134, Templeton Lowenstein Co.	380/2BA	2-4	\$479,000
1518 Keoncrest Dr. SUNSHINE (510) 848-1950 235 & 223, Thormal Properties.	180/2BA	Sun, 2-4	\$430,000
3206 Ellis St. Open Sunday Jill Carigan, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/2BA	2-4	\$435,000
3004 Dana St. Open Sunday Donna Castella, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	2 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$419,000
2722 Acton Open Sunday David Bigelow, Marvin Gardens (510) 527-2700 ext. 37.	280/1BA	2-4	\$379,000
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1519 Oxford #C Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2140, Barbara	280/1BA	2-4	\$299,000
1316 4th St. Open Sunday Linda Mayesta (510) 559-2907, Marvin Gardens	Loft	2-4	\$276,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
18313 Pepper St. Open Sun Star Luchart 510-748-1805 Gallagher & Lindsey	480/2BA	2-4	\$480,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
4590 Tuolumne Wy Open Sun Marian Kapala, Prudential 510-339-6460	380/2BA	2-4	\$354,500

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
2118 Pinehurst Ct. Open Sunday Doris Alexander (510) 559-2938, Marvin Gardens.	380/2.5BA	120-4	\$499,000
7387 Terrace Dr. Open Sun Barbara Kaplan, (510) 559-2910, Marvin Gardens.	Cabin	2-4	\$290,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
15 McCormick Rd. Open Sun RED OAK (510) 758-9010, Kathleen Wiggins agt, Prudential	480/3BA	1-4	\$379,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
631 Foster Ct #2 Open Sun Barbara K. Alameda Realty 510-819-8811	380/1 - BA	2-4	\$255,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
357 N. Willowood Open Sunday Jody Edmonson, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-4000	380/2.5BA	2-4	\$288,500

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
821 Coventry Open Sunday Helen Barkin 510-652-2133 ext.124, Templeton Lowenstein Co.	480/2BA	2-4	\$395,000
750 Wellesley Open Sunday Annie Walrand 510-652-2133 ext.146, Templeton Lowenstein Co.	380/2BA	2-4	\$545,000
23 Anson Open Sunday Bebe Morfess 510-652-2133 ext.145, Templeton Lowenstein Co.	380/2BA	2-4	\$515,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
28 Drury Ln. Open Sunday Prudential, Lila Brady (510) 644-5262.	480/3.5BA	2-4	\$2,700,000
1442 Grand View Dr Open Sun, Claremont Hills Patricia Scott, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	5 - 80/5BA	2-4	\$2,395,000

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6027 Colby Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2162, Sonora	480/2BA	2-4	\$850,000
1324 Carling Open Sun Tim Mear 510-814-4817, Harbor Bay Realty	480/2BA	2-4	\$648,000
1833 Woodhaven Open Sun, Montclair Victor Fiero 510-339-4700 Colwell Barker	580/2.5BA	2-4	\$819,000
5352 Boyd Open Sun, Rockridge Terry Kalia 510-438-1180 Colwell Barker	2 - 80/1BA	2-4	\$615,000
2333 Leimert Blvd Open Sun, Upper Rockridge Teri Cardillo, 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	380/2BA	2-4	\$608,000
2039 Trefelger Pl Open Sun Vicky Kalia 510-438-1180 Colwell Barker	380/2BA	1-5	\$599,000
482 81st St. Open Sun David McKinley 510-748-1111 Gallagher & Lindsey	380/2BA	2-4	\$589,000
8066 Shepherd Canyon Open Sun, Montclair Carolyn Jones, 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	280/2BA	2-4	\$548,000
5208 Golden Gate Open Sun, Upper Rockridge Glen Hyman, 510-339-4700 Colwell Barker	280/1BA	2-4	\$542,000
6487 Givrine Dr Open Sun, Montclair Crystal Randall, Prudential 510-339-6460	380/2BA	2-4	\$538,000

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6401 Gwin Rd. Open Sun, Montclair Francis Heath 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	580/5 - BA	2-4	\$2,150,000
6075 Manchester Dr. Open Sun, Upper Rockridge Gene Boomer, Prudential 510-339-6460	680/4BA	2-4	\$1,850,000
5140 Proctor Open Sun, Upper Rockridge Heidi Marchessault, Prudential 510-339-6460	580/2BA	2-4	\$1,735,000
6291 Rutland Rd. Open Sun, Montclair Michele Winchester, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/3 + BA	2-4	\$1,399,000
1650 Grand View Dr. Open Sun, Claremont Hills Steve Marchessault, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	4 - 80/4BA	2-4	\$1,325,000
13000 Skyline Blvd Open Sun, Montclair Michele Winchester, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/3.5BA	2-4	\$1,195,000
6415 Thordale Dr. Open Sun, Montclair Anne Nichols, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	5 - 80/5BA	2-4	\$1,195,000
8050 Broadway Ter. Open Sun, Montclair Laura Strand, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-4000	480/2 + BA	2-4	\$1,185,000
50 Lane Court Open Sun, Pied. side of Montclair Jane Simmons, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/2BA	2-4	\$995,000
6915 Norfolk Rd. Open Sun, Claremont Hills Wendy Sprague, Pacific Union 510-339-6460	480/2 + BA	2-4	\$925,000
5942 Estaries Rd. Open Sun, Pied. side of Montclair Anne Pettit Turner, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	580/3.5BA	2-4	\$899,000
1053 Sunnyhills Rd. Open Sun, Crocker Highlands James Garcia, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	1 - 80/3BA	2-4	\$895,000
1047 Sunnyhills Rd. Open Sun, Crocker Highlands Judith Chan, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/4 -	2-4	\$779,000
681 Vernon St. Open Sun, Rose Garden Marie Delacruz, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/3BA	2-4	\$769,000
4869 Harbord Dr. Open Sun, Upper Rockridge Michael Thompson, 510-339-4700 Colwell Barker	2 - 80/2BA	2-6	\$749,000
53 Bay Forest Dr. Open Sun, Montclair Robyn & Wendy 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	480/3.5BA	2-4	\$739,000
5868 Chabot Ct. Open Sunday Marvin Gardens, Ann Antika Plant (510) 527-2700 ext 27	480/2.5BA	2-4	\$729,000
50 Sheridan Rd. Open Sun, Upper Rockridge Nancy Wiley 510-339-4700 Colwell Barker	380/2BA	2-4	\$699,000
921 Sunnyhills Open Sun, Crocker Highlands Mary Jane McCormick & Christine Claybaugh Montclair Better Homes 510-339-6460	380/2BA	2-4	\$695,000
1784 Leimert Blvd. Open Sun, Montclair Martha Shaw, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-4000	480/2 - BA	2-4	\$695,000
887 Trestle Glen Open Sun, Reduced Price - Crocker Highlands A Must See! 510-763-5461	2 - 10/2BA	1-5	\$689,000
11310 Golf Links Rd. Open Sun, Chabot Estates Mary Jane McCormick, Montclair Better Homes	380/2BA	2-4	\$675,000
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3308 82nd Ave Open Sun, Folsom Heights Hendricks Linder, Prudential CA Realty 510-337-8670	380/1.5	2-4	\$449,000
7977 Starling Dr Open Sun, Ring Estate Joe Ashford, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-4000	280/1BA	2-4	\$449,000
7 Embury Dr. Open Sun Prudential CA Realty, Amy Dine 510-337-8670	280/1 1/2	2-4	\$449,000
5700 Brimfield Open Sun, Montclair John Westley, Prudential CA Realty 510-337-8670	280/1BA	2-4	\$449,000
2540 14th Ave. Open Sunday Rosemary McKelvey 510-819-1414	280	2-4	\$449,000
10955 Elm Open Sunday RED OAK (510) 280-2137, Blane	480/1BA	2-4	\$449,000
655 Chetwood Open Sun, Rose Garden Jim Schubert, Montclair Better Homes 510-339-4000	180/1BA	2-4	\$449,000
320 Lee St #502 Open Sun, Adams Park Vicki Landon, Prudential 510-337-8670	180/1BA	2-4	\$449,000
551 Jean St #104 Open Sunday Prudential, Brenda Walter (510) 339-6460	180/1BA	2-4	\$449,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
431 Pacific Ave Open Sun, Rose Garden Cathy Carroll, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	480/2BA	2-4	\$449,000
2 York Dr Open Sun Linda McCabe, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	580/2BA	2-4	\$449,000
350 Magnolia Ave Open Sun Erika Calabrese, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	380/2BA	2-4	\$449,000
240 Wilfordwood Ave Open Sun Elizabeth Dickson, The GRUBB Co. 510-339-0400	2 - 80/1BA	2-4	\$449,000
407 Moraga Ave Open Sun Oliver Jolly, Prudential CA Realty 510-480-4800	2 - 80/1BA	2-4	\$449,000
914 Rosa Ave Open Sun Debi Fitzgerald 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	280/1.5BA	2-4	\$449,000
4632 Steele St. Open Sun, Laurels Rosalee Marshall, Prudential CA Realty 510-337-8670	380/1BA	2-4	\$449,000

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25 Seagull Dr. Open Sun Leslie Asent 510-652-2133 ext.122, Templeton Lowenstein Co.	280/2BA	2-4	\$449,00

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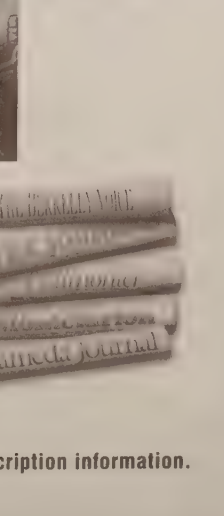
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Jesse Barnes' Cuba Journal

My trip to Cuba with the Rattlers

Editor's note: Jesse Barnes is a sportswriter with the Oakland Athletics, a 16-and-under AAU coach and a 16-and-under AAU coach. He attended the Head-Royce school.

Monday, June 24, 2001 3 a.m.

We arrived in Cuba at around 10:15 a.m. (9:15 p.m. our time). When we walked off the plane, we finally understood about the heat and humidity we had heard much about. As we left the airport, about 200 Cubans waiting for friends and family.

There was lightning in the sky, which turned the whole sky yellow. But there was no thunder. We drove to the Condor Hotel. We were shown the Cuban flag. We saw many older people hanging out on street corners and a few discos.

On the way from the airport to the hotel, we also saw some of the houses in which the Cubans live. Most of them were two-story buildings with many windows, making them very easy to see into (looked like Shyne's place).

For the most part, Cuba, aside from the tourist hotels, is very poor but still happy and alive. We arrived at the most amazing hotel I — and many others — have ever seen and went swimming. The whole team went swimming and got soft drinks at the bar.



JESSE BARNES

Sunday, June 24 11:15 a.m.

Today we had to wake up at 8 a.m. in order to get to the baseball field for practice. Most of us slept on the way to the field, but when we got there we were wide awake.

The field had a grass infield with a type of dirt I had never felt before. The humidity made it musty and heavier than I had ever seen. The outfield was smoothly cut until about halfway out, where there were tall stacks of overgrown grass.

Behind the fence were dirt roads with palm trees and other types of trees and plants, making the field look as if it was in the middle of a jungle.

We had our infield (practice) and were a little sluggish because we weren't used to the heat and humidity. Despite our poor play, a crowd of Cubans still gave us

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Cuban trip a diamond gem

MIKE MCGREEHAN
Between the Lines

Esteban Bellan was the first professional player from his country to ply his trade in the United States. Compatriots Rafael Almeida and Armando Marsans were the first to join the major leagues. Others, like Martín Dihigo and Cristóbal Torriente, became stars in the Negro Leagues. In time, such luminaries as Minnie Miñoso, Camilo Pascual, Tony Pérez, Tony Oliva, José Canseco and Rafael Palmeiro became household names to legions of fans.

Cuba does indeed have a rich baseball tradition. The game has long been an integral part of Cuban culture and society. But for the past four decades, baseball has taken a back seat to the ongoing political standoff between Washington and Havana.

Last week, though, the Oakland Rattlers 16-and-under AAU and Connie Mack team got a taste of both Cuban baseball and society while in Havana. Time seemed to fly by, as the Rattlers — after months of planning and anticipation — returned home from their week-long trip Sunday morning. What they experienced gave them greater knowledge of Cuban baseball and its place in the island's social fabric. They also came back with a deeper appreciation of the United States.

"The experience was great," Rattlers manager Eddie Abram said. "The Cubans were loving people. They eat and sleep baseball. It's more a way of life for them."

Rattlers players, parents, coaches and all those on the trip learned the depth of passion for baseball in Cuba. They also witnessed first-hand the quality of that baseball, as the

drove in three runs. Koehler and Barnes each scored three. Barnes legged out the Rattlers' only triple, and Mendoza and Koehler belted the only home runs.

But the Rattlers were at a disadvantage. And perhaps because of this, Cuban coaches had much higher expectations for their players.

"They made only two errors the whole time we were there," Abram said of the Cubans.

"When a guy made an error, the coach came out and that player was totally admonished."

It was a two-run home run by Koehler, however, that led to a most bizarre scene.

"The pitcher was sent down the left-field line to contemplate the error of his ways," Abram said.

Despite the Rattlers' unique experience on a Cuban diamond, baseball was but one facet of the week-long trip. Wins and losses paled in importance, as the Rattlers strove to improve both as a team and as individual players. Most importantly, this trip was a learning experience — not only for the young players, but the adults who accompanied them as well.

"The first thing that comes to mind were that the people were great," said Rajive Aurora, father of pitcher Nikhi Aurora. "The people all over just love Americans."

Those on the trip experienced first-hand the Cuban passion for sports, especially baseball, where every game is an event, a reason to come to the park.

"It was the most intense crowd I've ever been at — including pro games," said infielder Barnes.

"It's really fun to be in the

stands with them, they're so electrical," said Alan Kaplan, Barnes' uncle. "The Cuban fans are amazing. It was a fantastic experience."

Perhaps most amazing to Rajive Aurora was the amount of support the Rattlers received from the Cuban fans.

"Three-quarters of the fans were rooting for the U.S., which surprised the heck out of me," Aurora said. "It was a big day off for them. Kids would show up in their school uniforms and adults with their girlfriends. Anything with 'American' on it or 'USA' on it, they wanted it."

Enthusiasm for baseball in Cuba extends well beyond the ballpark. The sport lives deep in the heart of every fan.

"There's a corner in Havana that is like a baseball corner where people argue — yell — about baseball," Kaplan said. "It's really good-natured, but it's incredible."

Sports, especially baseball, is so ingrained in Cuban society that it has become an integral part of the education of some Cuban youngsters.

"They had kids four years old going to the sports academy (in Havana) if they show any skill in boxing, track and field, or other games," Abram said. "If they show any skill, they put them in that school."

"A beneficial part of the trip was to see the linkage between sports and academics," added Jerry Wiggins, a Rattlers coach and a member of the Alameda County Board of Education. "It leads me to believe a potential charter school combining sports and academics is possible here, too."

Though the baseball was ex-

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Albany leave Martinez stranded

Peterson hurls Albany 9-10s past Martinez; ConAm on deck

By Scott Strain

STAFF WRITER

There was one reason Albany's 8-5 victory over Martinez South in the opening round of the District Four International Tournament

Monday evening at Albany Village was so dramatic. Call it a 9-10 (left on base). The Albany

runners on in the first three innings, but still managed enough runs to advance to Friday's second-round winner's bracket game against Concord American, 19-4 winners over Martinez North, here at 6 p.m.

Oh, and don't forget the pitching of Berkeley resident Matt Peterson. Throughout all the missed opportunities, he refused to become discouraged and threw a strong game, faltering only in the ninth inning when he had an 8-1 lead.

"He's the one kid who played in the Majors (level) during the season," manager Rob Mullaney said of Peterson. "But this is the only level he can play at in this tournament. He does have an advantage having played against the older kids."

"The (runners left on) was a little frustrating, but it mattered when we could put two runs away in an inning." Albany did have three two-run innings, but was unable to come up with the hit that would have sunk Martinez South early on.

The visitors (Martinez) was the home team in this case) put two runs on the board in the top of the first despite only getting one hit. Mana Yiadom walked, stole second and went to third on an error. One out later, Jamel Free-

man grounded a single to center that scored Yiadom for 1-0. Peterson forced Freeman and then went to second and third on consecutive wild pitches.

Sebastian Barahona was safe on an error that scored Peterson and Will Mullaney walked. Kai Huntamer was awarded first on catcher's interference and the bases were loaded. Barahona was picked off third for the final out. Two runners left on.

Martinez South had scored 19 runs in a 19-4 win over Antioch East No. 2 on this same field Monday, and touched Peterson for a run in the bottom of the first when Derek Alden walked, advanced on a wild pitch, and came home when Harmon Sidhu walked a double to dead center. Albany left the bases loaded in the second, but Peterson was in the midst of retiring nine straight batters, so Martinez South was held at bay.

Albany made it 4-1 in the third. Mullaney hit a one-out double to center and went to third on a wild pitch. Huntamer was again awarded first on catcher's interference and Karl Van Dessel was safe on a fielder's choice when he topped a ball back to Sidhu, the Martinez South starter. Mullaney broke for home, and Sidhu threw to catcher Jake Boyce. Mullaney retreated toward third, and the ball popped out of Boyce's glove as he was attempting to throw. Everyone was safe.

Tyler McFadden walked to score Mullaney and Yiadom did the same to score Huntamer. But Sidhu bore down and struck out the next two batters to end the inning. Three more Albany runners were left stranded. Peterson doubled to open the fourth and went to third on an error. One out later, Mullaney smacked a liner over second, but Martinez South second baseman Trevor Fahy made a fine leaping catch to snag the ball before it went into center. Jay Healy was hit by a pitch — he went to second and Mullaney scored on a passed ball.

Albany had another chance to blow the game open in the fifth, but only came away with a sin-



SLIDING INTO THIRD, Albany's Karl Van Dessel was just ahead of the throw to Martinez infielder Daniel Hinderes. Playing at Albany Village on July 3, Albany's 9-10-year-olds topped Martinez South 8-5 to advance in the double-elimination tourney.

gle run. Nick Kneafsey opened with a single and went to second when Yiadom singled to third. A double steal moved both runners up, and one out later Freeman hit a sharp grounder to first that scored Kneafsey but Yiadom was thrown out at the plate on the same play for the final out of the inning.

Martinez South tried an interesting ploy to get runners on base. Having played on Monday, the team knew that the setting sun shone directly in the first baseman's eyes during the later innings. So Martinez tried to bunt its way on, forcing Mullaney, who was playing first, to catch the throw with the sun in his eyes. Martinez South tried to bunt five times, and one succeeded once. Good reactions and throws by Peterson helped a great deal.

Albany scored twice in the top of the sixth as Peterson and

Barahona opened with back-to-back doubles. Barahona went to third on a groundout and scored when Healy executed a perfect squeeze play. At that point, it was 8-1.

But Martinez South mounted a one-out rally in the bottom of the sixth as Peterson ("I was getting a little tired"), gave up consecutive doubles to Fahy and Sidhu. Two errors brought three more runs across but Peterson, just pitching for outs, got the next two batters to end the game.

"I was a little nervous at first," Peterson said of his rocky start. "This was my first all-star game. I was fine after that."

"We have some strong pitching," Mullaney said. "One of best pitchers, Dylan Mattingly, isn't even here. He should join the team for the third game."

Thanks to Peterson and the double-elimination format, there

will be a third game for Albany, win or lose today.

POSTGAME

RARE: Catcher's interference is a rare call at any level, but Huntamer got two calls on consecutive at-bats; he lowers his bat when the pitcher releases the ball and the catcher's glove tips it. According to one observer, Huntamer had it happen in his last at-bat during the Tournament of Champions.

STAT: Yiadom walked his first three times up before getting an infield single in the fifth...

GETTING THE CALL: Kneafsey will start for Albany today.

LONG DAY'S WORK?: According to one account, Tyler Victor of Antioch East threw 188 pitches in six innings against Martinez South on Monday. Martinez's Brady Schultz threw 101 in the same game. Both counts are unofficial.

RON SALSIG
Range Rat

On the fairway of life ...

Mulligans, bloopers and the occasional good shot from the practice tee:

■ Cal star Dong Yi has turned pro, and is currently cashing checks on the local mini-tours. Look for Yi to go to the Asian Tour if he does not make it through Q-School in the fall.

■ Congratulations to Computers champ Darryl Donovan, who became the first Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) golfer to win the California State Amateur in nearly a decade. The victory was even sweeter with all of Donovan's opponents in match play coming from Southern California.

In the finals he beat Travis Johnson of Bellflower 4-and-3.

■ Blake McCurdy of Alameda shot 78-81 in the U.S. Senior Open. Oakland native Gary Vanier shot 80-77.

■ Tiger Woods spent his week off fishing with an evangelist with the first name Sun, last name Moon. Mr. Moon was the one seeking spiritual advice.

■ The Masters will finally televise all 18 holes on Sunday. The irony of it all? The TV towers have been on those holes for a decade or two.

■ When I first covered the Masters in 1995, I asked the Masters Committee at their annual press conference why the front nine was not televised. There was a collective gasp in the press room. I wondered if my fly was open. No, I wasn't thrown out. The answer they gave consisted of a hem and a few haws.

■ Casey Martin made the cut last week on the Buy.com Tour,

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McGreehan

FROM PAGE C1

citing and there was much to like about Havana, those on the trip learned of some of the less rosy aspects of Cuban society as well.

"There's abject poverty, a lot of begging," Rajive Aurora said. "I think there's a big underground economy there and I think that's what runs the country. You hear about everybody having housing. Well, it's a definition of what housing is. It might be a hole in the wall."

Added Abram, "We applauded when we got through customs in Cuba, there was a bigger applause when we got through customs in L.A. (the team's stopover Saturday night), but the biggest applause was when we got back home and they said 'Welcome to Oakland.' You don't realize what a great country we have - it takes something like (a trip to a foreign country) to realize

this. I love the USA. My conviction is very deep."

In life, as in baseball, there's no place like home.

Postscript
DOUBLY GOOD NEWS: By making the Cuba trip their marquee event of the season, the Rattlers originally eschewed the idea of going to the AAU National Championships in Hampton Roads, Va., this year, as the cost of going to both was thought to be prohibitive.

But — surprise, surprise — the Rattlers will go to the July 27-Aug. 4 tournament, after all. "A parent-donor chipped in the money to let us go to the nationals," Abram said. "It's been a great year so far and it's still going on."

The Rattlers earned the right to go to the nationals after going 3-1 in a qualifying tournament at Carmichael last month.

CAN'T ESCAPE POLITICS: Abram said "Viva la Revolution" signs could be seen all

over Havana.

HISTORY REDUX: Regarding the historic Cuban players mentioned at the top of this article, Esteban Bellan played in the National Association from 1871 through 1873. Armando Marsans and Rafael Almeida joined the Cincinnati Reds in 1911. Marsans died in Havana in 1960. Almeida died in Havana in 1968.

Hall of Famer Martin Dihigo, who died in 1971, arguably is the most famous player tied to the Revolution. Dihigo, a political exile in the 1950s, gave money to Che Guevara in the effort to overthrow the government of Castro's predecessor, Fulgencio Batista. Since Castro took over in 1959, though, Cubans who played professional baseball in the major leagues or in other parts of the world themselves became political exiles. José Canseco and Rafael Palmeiro, both born in Havana in 1964, left Cuba with their families at young ages.

Barnes

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a tanding ovation as we left the field.

That afternoon, the team went to a castle with a view of old Havana and the ocean. It also had a small flea market outside.

That night, at around 10 p.m., we went to Club Havana, which was right next to our hotel. The atmosphere inside the club was amazing.

Everyone was involved in a dance competition that consisted of five couples (two of the team's players were in the competition). The dance was to re-enact the final dance scene from the movie, "Dirty Dancing." The winners got a huge bottle of wine and all the other contestants got liquor as well.

After that, the "leader" of the club taught everyone a dance from the stage. Then we danced freely for a half-hour. Curfew (arrived), so we left the club at 11 p.m.

Monday, June 25
10:30 a.m.

We got up at 8 a.m. and went to the same field. We played them tough, but they were a really good team. Everybody was very sound and could hit.

The score was 4-3 in favor of the Cubans in the last inning. Then we had a bad inning. We committed a few errors and they scored six runs.

When we batted, we had a good comeback and lost 10-7. It was an exciting game. They have a flashy style of playing without getting totally out of hand. I admire it a lot.

But the most exciting part of the game was the stands. They were more lively than any game I had been to in my life. There were waves, chants and cheers for both teams when something good happened. It was very exciting.

After the game, we went on a tour of old Havana. We saw the capitol and all the people in the town. The town never sleeps and the people never are inside. The town was incredibly active for how hot it was. It was exciting (we also say Hemingway's apartment).

Tuesday, June 26
11:45 a.m.

Today we played at a different park with a field in worse condition. There were fewer fans because we were in the building part of town rather than the part with houses. But there was still plenty of energy.

We played terrible today and showed no heart. We got killed. Nevertheless, the game was very exciting to me and their style impressed me again. It seems like everything I've heard is true: they love baseball and never stop breathing it.

In between innings, the (Cubans) hit grounders to each other, ran sprints and hit from a tee. They never stopped and took everything seriously.

That afternoon, we stayed at the hotel and played wiffle ball in the pool.

Wednesday, June 27

We lost again today, but it was still fun. We played at the first field and the fans were as into the game as ever.

The umpires called the game differently than we are used to. Instead of calling close plays outs, they were always safe. This made the game more exciting and interesting, and although it created havoc, it was fun.

After this game, we (took the) afternoon off.

Thursday, June 28, 2001

We played at the same park again and lost again. But we played great — we only lost 6-4.

After the game, we were swamped by little kids (10 and younger) because we began giving things away.

Their culture is great. That afternoon, after fighting our way through the mob on the field, we went to the international sports school where all the great ath-

letes stayed or were was incredible. It had all facilities to please — from archery to water basketball. It was amazing.

That night, we went to the club. It was not as good as it was the first night, but still fun.

Friday, June 29
When we got to the field, we were supposed to split into teams — mix them, and play against one another. But the club, it was not as good as it was the first night, but still fun.

We then went to a sports goods store in the former field of Havana (Estadio noamericano) where we played (an exhibition against Cuban national team).

We got souvenirs there and went to a huge flea market to get more souvenirs and gifts. That night, we talked to Cubans and got to know more about the social life.

Conclusion

My overall impression of Cuba were great — even person I talked to was interesting and nice. They all talk to foreigners. They give the way they handle events relaxed and confident. It's something I will never forget.

I loved Cuba: it was definitely the nicest and warmest country I have ever been to. I had most fun I have ever had, despite the fact that we lost games straight.

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Fairway

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the first time since he won his case in front of the Supreme Court.

■ Speaking of the Buy.com Tour, there is no word yet on the cause of player Lewis Chitengwa's death in Edmonton. Chitengwa, 26, fell ill early Saturday morning and was taken to Misericordia Hospital where he was told he had the flu and sent home. The native of Zimbabwe was dead eight hours later. Some guess meningitis.

■ Alameda Junior Golf Club member Wendra Liang has accepted a scholarship to Stanford.

■ The next important date for the new Alameda Point Golf Course is July 11, 7 p.m. at City Hall West, a meeting that will concentrate on the Environmental Impact Report. Let's hope this meeting doesn't last a year or two.

■ Christina Corpus of San Leandro and the Alameda Junior Golf Club, who is going to the

U.S. Junior with Takayama, won the girls 12-14 Santa Clara Junior title and followed it up with the Tokay age 12-14 title in Lodi. She also won her age group in the Palo Alto Junior.

■ Former San Francisco City champ Martha Burkard won the girls' qualifying at Contra Costa Country Club for the Big I Classic, and followed it up with the overall girls championship in the Palo Alto Junior Classic at Palo Alto Muni.

■ The California State Junior Championship is next week at Monterey Peninsula Country Club.

■ Phil Mickelson and Colin Montgomerie both won last week. The losers win!

■ Sorry, Phil ... Tiger's playing this week in the Western Open.

■ Roger Maltbie had a birthday last weekend. He's 50. Senior Tour? Maybe.

■ Bruce Lietzke may have played four rounds of golf since January, but he turns 50 in a couple weeks and I predict he will be an instant winner.

■ How does Lietzke play so well with no practice? "I found a swing I like and I never changed it," he says.

■ Alameda's Opera Diva Fredericka Van Stade gave a brilliant performance at the Koffman Auditorium last Friday ... and was incognito at the Lucious Bateman Driving Range on Saturday.

■ Alameda teaching pro John Lee has returned from Czechoslovakia, where he helped organize the national junior golf team. Two members of that team came back with him and are now enjoying the benefits of junior golf at the Chuck Corica Golf Complex.

■ Mika Takayama won the Green Valley Jr. Girls' overall championship. Ki-Shui Liao won the girls age 12-14 title.

■ Lani Wong of Alameda followed up her age 15-17 flight victory in the East Bay Junior with an 11-stroke victory in the Shoreline Junior in Mountain View.

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June 9, 2001

"It's all about caring. Caring about the younger generation. Caring about pursuing a higher education. We feel proud to be able to support such a worthwhile goal for the Byron Parkers Volunteer Organization," expressed Nancy Lennstrom, Facilitator of the Byron Parkers.

"Ranging in age from the late sixties to the nineties, the residents of Byron Park work hard to raise funds so we can award \$500 scholarships to the deserving young adults who work in our dining room and kitchen," stated Nancy. "It's about raffles, selling candy during the holidays, white elephant, jewelry and greeting card sales. It's about receiving donations from residents, families, men and women alike. A generous contribution was also

received from the owner of Byron Park, Art Evans."

"Hearing words from our recipients such as 'I am happy to tell you that I'm off to Diablo Valley College, University of California at Davis, or Sacramento State...studying Computer Sciences, Education, Graphic Arts, Biology and further education for a Culinary Arts and Hotel Administration Certificate is so rewarding to us all,'" shared one of the recipients."

In Addition to providing scholarships for the waiters and waitresses, the Byron Parkers support 6 scholarships given through Diablo Valley College for single mothers and displaced homemakers to learn new skills, or further

their education.

"It's about the Heart of Byron Park! It's about being a community where you can experience and actively participate in renewed meaning and purpose," said Judy Deibler, Marketing Director. Please give Judy a call for further information or to arrange a visit to Byron Park to find out more about what it is like to live in a Retirement Residence.



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Arts

Bad plot is film's kiss of death

■ Jet Li's amusing martial arts tricks don't pack enough punch to save 'Kiss of the Dragon'

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

It's refreshing to see that the French, known for their high falutin' movies, can produce something as wildly incoherent and dreadful as "Kiss of the Dragon." It's like finding out that Alice Waters has a secret fetish for Big Macs.

Briefly, at the beginning of the movie, you might think you're in for a smart, stylish thriller. Martial arts master Jet Li, dressed in black from head to toe and exuding cool, arrives in Paris. He's playing Liu Jiu'an, a cop from Beijing, sent to aid the French government in some sort of sting operation. Paris, shot by "Fifth Element" and "La Femme Nikita" cinematographer Thierry Arbogast, looks romantic in a rainy day sort of way.

But things begin deteriorating rapidly from there. Liu meets up



JET LI, center, battles two foes with his slick karate moves on a Parisian tourist boat in "Kiss of the Dragon."

with his French contact, psycho cop Richard (Tchéky Karyo, "The Patriot," "La Femme Nikita"), as he is frothing at the mouth and beating someone to a pulp in a hotel kitchen. Within minutes, Liu is framed for a drug-pin murder

by Richard and must make his escape in a laundry chute. Things look tense, especially when Richard throws in a grenade. It's unlikely you will recall the face of a henchman who peers into the chute to check on

the grenade's progress, but what you will recall, in sickening detail, is the way the lower half of his body then slides down to the floor with a graphic thump.

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ARTS BEAT

Artists to show, sell works at festival

OAKLAND — The 26th annual Montclair Village Fine Arts Sidewalk Festival will be held Friday, Saturday and July 8.

The free event will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Montclair business district on Mountain Boulevard at La Salle Avenue, between Park Boulevard and Thornhill Drive.

The festival, featuring the work of 80 artists, will include watercolors, oils, glasswork, sculptures, photography, jewelry, ceramics and collage. Artworks will be for sale and artists will be on hand to talk to the public about their creations.

For information call 510-339-1000.

Author Series at Swan's Marketplace

OAKLAND — Explore literature without borders at the Swans Marketplace Author Series, a free evening of Bay Area

multicultural authors reciting, singing, and performing a diverse and eclectic collection of poetry, music, and prose today from 5:30-7 p.m. at Swans Marketplace Courtyard, between Ninth and Clay Streets. Experience literature that does not resort to tradition, but reflects the perspectives, experiences, and values of all ethnic and cultural groups. Joining in on the festivities are many Old Oakland restaurants, and businesses offering food, drinks, art, and an opportunity to sample Oakland's culture.

Friday's featured line-up includes well-known and emerging authors Al Young, Marie Elena Gaspari, Jack & Adelle Foley, Lucille Baladucci, William Mandel, Barry Gifford, Floyd Salas, Francisco X. Alarcón, Teresa LeYung Ryan, Paul S. Flores, Leah Goodwin, Adam David Miller, Reginald Lockett, Rita Flores Bogaert, Azura and Anna deLeon, Azure McCall, and special guests artists.

Information: 510-525-3948.

Vocalist, trio playing July 15 at La Note

BERKELEY — Jazzschool/La Note, 2377 Shattuck Ave., presents a double bill on Sunday, July 15. Performing at 4:30 p.m. is vocalist W. Allen Taylor, followed at 5:30 p.m. by jazz trio Michael Hauser Group.

Admission: \$5. Reservations: 510-845-5373 or e-mail swing@jazzschool.com

Free show with Prescott Clowns

Clowns with red noses that go by the names Bubbles, and Jiggly? That's what you'll find at the free upcoming production of the Prescott Clown's "Getting There," where hambone meets hip hop as fourth and fifth graders from Prescott Elementary School in West Oakland show off their talent and versatility on Wednesday and Thursday, July 11 and 12. Showtimes are at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Oakland Technical High School Auditorium, located on

42nd Street near Broadway in Oakland. The show will include stilted, juggling, hambone, hip hop dance, unicycling, acrobatics, and balancing acts by these young stars. Admission is free with reservations. Call 510-482-1674 to make reservations.

Downtown summer concert series

BERKELEY — The second annual Summer Noon Concerts series continues on July 12, when the East Bay Science & Arts Middle School presents a steel drum performance that will evoke the sounds of Trinidadian Carnival.

The series takes place from noon to 1 p.m. every Thursday in July at the Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza (Shattuck at Center Street). Bring your brown bag lunch and enjoy live music and dance performances in the Downtown BART plaza. Raffle prizes will be given away at each concert (must be present to win). Seating will be available and there is one hour free parking daily from 9 to 6 pm in Center Street Garage.

'West Side,' 'Carousel' come around

Two of the 20th century's notable and durable musicals open Friday — "West Side Story" at El Cerrito's Contra Costa Civic Theatre, and "Carousel" at Woodminster Amphitheater in Oakland.

Sure, there's an air of good-old-days nostalgia about these evergreens, but both have added forward-looking touches to the casting.

In the case of "West Side Story," the newness to the ageless Romeo and Juliet story comes from the addition to the large cast of young performers from CCCT's highly regarded summer theater camps.

Some two dozen strong, they add verisimilitude to the ominous rivalry scenes. For them, it's an early taste of main stage. They'll have a lot of familiar and experienced talent onstage to look up to, including Leslie Noel as Maria, Dan LeGate as Tony, Danielle Dubois as Anita and Michael F. Ortiz as Bernardo.

Also featured in the large cast are Louis Flynn, Peter Fosselius, Geoff Hutchings, Patrick Moreira and Zachary Ricard.

Kathleen Ray directs this kinetic and explosive story with musical direction by Joanne Gabel and choreography by Maryse Young. Matt Flynn designed the set to contain this volatile mix of modern musical drama and ballet, sung and danced against a backdrop of New York City gang warfare in the late 1950s. Jennifer Furnari's lighting design and Paul J. White's costuming should add to the overall visual effects.

"West Side Story" is based on a conception of Jerome Robbins with the book by Arthur Laurents, music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.



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It plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Aug. 11, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. July 15, 22 and 29, and Aug. 5. Tickets are \$15 general; \$6 for youths 16 and under.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre is at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Call 510-524-9132. For group sales, call 510-524-6654.

Have you ever wondered how a show like this gets put together and brought to a dazzling presentation onstage? Meet the cast for a short informal discussion after the July 22 performance.

TWO HOPEFULS CAST: As for the other Friday opening, artistic director James Schlader writes: "This year two nonprofessional hopefuls win leading roles in Woodminster's 'Carousel.' It's been an ongoing effort to give deserving young talent a chance. It's always been a part of our mission."

The beneficiaries of that dedication this time are Marina Lucia Torres as Julie and Noel Anthony Escobar as Billy. Renee DeWeese won the coveted role of Louise, the young female dancer. Andrea Daniels plays the comforting Nettie Fowler in Julie's time of sorrow.

"Carousel," despite the title's evocation of carnival midway gaiety, is a dark love story overlaid with sentimentality and solemnity. But the mood lifts with such familiar old hits as "If I Loved You" and "June Is Bustin' Out All Over."

"Carousel," with music by

Richard Rodgers and book and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, is based on Ferenc Molnar's play "Liliom." James Schlader is directing, with choreography by Harriet Schlader under the musical direction of Mark Hanson.

The production is a triple anniversary celebration: A year-early 100th birthday salute to Rodgers (1902-79); the 60th birthday of Woodminster Amphitheater and the 35th year of producing plays at Woodminster by the Schladers.

"Carousel" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through July 15. The amphitheater is at 3300 Joaquin Miller Road, Oakland. Tickets range from \$15 to \$27. Call 510-531-9597.

COMEDY AT LIVE OAK:

Another opening on July 13 — these folks are positively impervious to numerical superstitions — brings "The Great Sebastians" by Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse to the stage of Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave. (at Berryman), Berkeley.

Actors Ensemble of Berkeley, the city's oldest stage company, winds up its 44th season with this comedy directed by Rachel Heffler. It's about a communist general who thinks a mind-reading stage act is for real. (C'mon. You didn't really, did you?)

"The Great Sebastians" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays from July 13 through Aug. 11 with one other 8 p.m. performance Aug. 9.

Tickets are \$10 with discounts for groups of 15 or more. Call 510-528-5620.

WOMAN'S WILL ON SOLAR: And finally, you've just gotta love Woman's Will, the aptly named Bay Area all-female Shakespeare company. Founder and artistic director

Erin Merritt and her merry group have always projected high-voltage talent. The energy quotient now crackles out in their latest announcement of the 2001 weekend park tour between July 14 and Aug. 19.

As fresh as today's headlines, the Woman's Will press package for the outdoor shows proclaims:

"Blackout-Proof! Solar-Powered Fun for the Whole Family."

This summer's offering is "Comedy of Errors," one of Shakespeare's earliest plays (1592) and certainly his only true farce.

The free show starts at 1 p.m. unless otherwise noted. First stop: July 14 and 15 in Berkeley's John Hinkle Park. The company moves to Centennial Park in Pleasanton on the 15th for a performance at 6 p.m.

Next up: Live Oak Park in Berkeley for two performances July 21 and 22. Oakland follows on the next weekend with shows in Mosswood Park (July 28) and Diamond Park (July 29).

"Comedy of Errors" moves across the Bay to conclude the tour during August.

For directions or information, call 415-567-1758 or go to www.womanswill.org.

It's hard not to respond to Merritt and company's invitation to "pack your picnic, grab your family and friends, and spend an afternoon of inspired silliness with us in a park near you!"

And if it isn't near you, as "Star Trek's" Capt. Jean-Luc Picard would say, "Make it so!"

Send items of interest to Jack Tucker at P.O. Box 100, Pinole, CA 94564; fax to 510 262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@ccctimes.com, or call 510 262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

EVENTS

Oakland Public Library — ALL BRANCHES — "Read! Make It Your Thing!" through Aug. 6. Teens in grades 8 through 12 are invited to participate in the library's annual teen summer reading program. (510) 238-3848 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

OAKLAND HISTORY ROOM — "Celebrating 50 Years of the Oakland History Room," through Sept. 15. This exhibit features rare photographs, programs, scrapbooks, postcards and manuscripts.

Main Library, 125 14th St. (510) 238-3222

BROOKFIELD LIBRARY/BIBLIOTHECA BROOKFIELD —

"Patricia Winters — The Bat Lady," July 11, 5:30 p.m.

9255 Edes Ave. (510) 615-5725.

WEST OAKLAND BRANCH —

"Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesdays, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

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Cody's Bookstore —

Sheila Kohler, July 9. The author reads from "Children of Pilgrims," about collaborationist France.

Mandy Aftel, July 10. The author talks about "Essence and Alchemy: A Book of Perfume."

Debra Levi-Holtz, July 12, 7 p.m. The author discusses "Of Unknown Origin: A Memoir," about her turbulent childhood and her struggle with its legacy in adulthood.

Carol Muske-Dukes, July 12. The author reads from "Life After Death," a serio-comic journal of a woman who must work through her husband's death, and reappearances, to find out who he really was and who she is.

Joe di Prisco, July 13, 7 p.m. The author tells the "Confessions of Brother Eli," about a mythic mountain man. At 1730 Fourth St.

John Strausbaugh and Annalee Newitz, July 14. The authors discuss their latest books, Strausbaugh's "Rock 'Til You Drop" and Newitz's "Bad Subjects Anthology" and "White Trash: Race and Class in America."

Jimmy Santiago Baca, July 15. The author talks about "A Place to Stand," his autobiography about his journey from illiteracy to acclaim as a poet.

BOOK CLUBS —

"Spanish Book Club," July 13, 7:30 p.m. At 2454 Telegraph Ave.

"Parenting Book Club," July 15, 11 a.m. At 1730 Fourth St.

Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. and at 2454 Telegraph Ave. unless noted otherwise. Berkeley. (510) 845-7852

Oakland's Historic Downtown

Walking Tours — The tours cover downtown Oakland and its historic waterfront. All tours begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last about an hour and a half. Reservations are recommended but not required.

"First Tuesday Tour," Visit City Hall and learn about its restoration. The tour also visits Frank H. Ogawa Plaza and city administration buildings. Meet at the front steps of City Hall, 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza.

SUMMER DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS — through October.

"Preservation Park," July 7. Preservation Park is a group of Victorian homes which replicate an authentic neighborhood of the 1870s. The homes have been restored and are used for offices and businesses. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the entrance to the park, 13th Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way.

"Jack London's Waterfront," July 11. Tour the Port of Oakland and learn about Jack London. Visit the Jack London Museum and see the restored yacht of President Roosevelt, the USS Potomac. Reservations encouraged. Meet in front of the Colors Restaurant, 101 Broadway.

"City Center," July 14. Turn-of-the-century landmarks alongside modern highrises are seen in this tour. Explore the upbeat style of the modern City Center Square. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the Oakland City Hall front entrance. One Frank Ogawa Plaza at 14th Street.

"Downtown Historic District," July 18. This tour highlights the newly designated Downtown Historic District. The tour includes the Tribune Tower, the Beaux Arts style Broadway Building at the pivotal corner of 14th Street and Broadway, and other early 20th century commercial landmarks. Meet at the front entrance of City Hall. One Frank Ogawa Plaza at 14th Street.

"Old Oakland Historic District," July 21. A walk through Oakland's Victorian business district of the 1870s. Visit the Washington Inn, Ratto's International Grocer and Mi Rancho Delicatessen and Tortilla Factory. Reservations encouraged. Meet in front of Ratto's at Washington and 9th Streets.

"Uptown Art Deco to the Lake," July 25. Tour the beautiful Art Deco buildings of Oakland's Broadway business district. Learn the history of the 1930s merchants and marvel at the ornate tile and terra-cotta architecture. Reservations encouraged. Meet in front of the Paramount Theater.

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Book helps people look ahead and deal with deteriorating vision

Marja Mogk sent me a copy of the book she wrote together with her mother. It is a very simple title: "Macular Degeneration: The Complete Guide to Saving and Maximizing Your Sight". Upon reading it I can understand why so many professionals in the ophthalmic field are so excited about this book. Very simply and very clearly it describes and explains Macular Degeneration, what you can do for it (very little), what you can do to try to avoid it and, most importantly, how you can live with it and continue to live the life you want.

(This is the second time I have written this. I finished all of it only to lose it all as my computer decided it could not be saved, for some reason I cannot fathom)

Lylas G. Mogk, M.D., Marja's mother, is an ophthalmologist in Michigan, where she came to realize that there was little available for people with low vision, particularly people with age related macular degeneration (ARMD). She

CLARA-RAE GENSER Community Folk

is the founding director of the Visual Rehabilitation and Research Center of the Henry Ford Health System and a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Low Vision Rehabilitation Committee. Marja says that within days of opening the center, she had a 10-month waiting list.

When Dr. Mogk wanted to get information out to people with ARMD, she and daughter Marja decided that the best way was to write a book. And together they have. Marja says it took a great deal of time, a great deal of work and hours of expensive telephone conversations. With mother in Michigan and daughter in Berkeley, they managed a partnership that was inspired. Mother would send Marja a chapter, Marja would edit, rewrite and add to, checking with her mother the whole time.

Marja also did her own re-

search, speaking to older people in a San Mateo retirement community and reading them parts of the book to get their reaction. She spent six months working with these people while refining and putting finishing touches to the book. She also interviewed her mother to learn more about her patients, and other doctors' experiences with patients.

The result is a book that lays it all out clearly and carefully, including what is available to people with low vision and what can be done to enhance what vision they have left after the macular degeneration has taken its toll. As one of the professionals says, it should be read by everyone who has ARMD, who might get it, and people who have relatives and friends who suffer from it. It is becoming my bible.

An interesting person, this Marja Mogk. She was born in New York and her parents moved with her back to their native Detroit, where she grew up. She attended the University

of Michigan, then worked with emotionally disturbed children. Challenging and meaningful work, but she found it frustrating that she could really do nothing to change things for these children. And, besides, she didn't know that she wanted to work with children.

So, back to school. She moved to Berkeley and began a PhD program in English. She found this the other extreme. No hands-on work with people. When she took time off to write the book, she found she was doing what she really wanted to do: doing something that would help people, that would make a difference in people's lives. "It was really something important and so wonderful," she says.

Now she is back in her PhD program, looking forward to finishing very soon.

After she is finished she will either look for a job teaching literature at the college level or, perhaps, change to the health field.

There is some talk of an opening for her in the Alameda

County Subcommittee on Health and Safety, which is one of the subcommittees of the county Commission on Aging.

And what does she do when she isn't studying, writing, or "PhDing"? Well, she is a volunteer guide for a group called Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC). The group provides outdoor adventures and travel for people with disabilities.

She speaks of kayaking trips to Angel Island from Sausalito, where they camp overnight on Angel Island, tour the island and paddle back the next day — all with students from the California School of the Blind. Of trips with adults with movement impairment, even paraplegics and quadriplegics, and of water rafting and cross country skiing with people with developmental disabilities.

In addition to being so involved and interested in so many things, she talks about her family: the sister who works in international public health in Africa, and of the brother who has just gotten out

of the French Foreign Legion. She becomes serious when I ask for any advice. Yes, she says, it is important that people know what we were really trying to get in our book: that loss of vision does not mean you have no options. There are devices and training tools to help you continue the way you want to live. "Most do not know this, and it is important that they learn."

Macular Degeneration book is certainly technical and helping me to plan with my own macular degeneration and how I deal with my sight deteriorates is not easy. But help is there.

Thank you Bette Martineau for introducing me to Marja and her book. It has certainly been important to me. Always, I invite your very interesting people events. Please write to me at 30 Pierce St., #443, Alameda 94706, or call 510-525-4000. e-mail is crgenser@aol.com

BTV — CHANNEL 25

B-TV program schedule for July 9-15:

Monday, July 9

Community Bulletin Board
8 a.m. Sword of Fire, Armour of Light
9 a.m. NASA TV - NTV Video File & Television Gallery
11 a.m. On the Move Easter Seals at Timpany
11:30 a.m. Bible Reading
12 p.m. Celebrate Life-Choosing Life
12:30 p.m. Bay Area Musicians Showcase S.F. Mallet Band
1 p.m. Duck Duck Goose Books 2
1:30 p.m. Wee Poets Supervisor John Gioia
2 p.m. NASA TV - Education File
3 p.m. Bay Point Teen Video Project
4 p.m. A Boy and His Dog -

Another Show

5 p.m. Live with Rick Sylvain #120
5:30 p.m. Watch This! Express Studio LIVE
6 p.m. Alexander Haig's World Business Review A
6:30 p.m. B-TV Bowl-A-Thon Tape 1
8 p.m. B-TV Bowl-A-Thon Tape 2
9:30 p.m. Video Culture
10 p.m. San Francisco Classical Guitar Society #52
10:30 p.m. Just Trying To Sleep II
11:30 p.m. Thrush TV Abortion and Yoga pt. 2
12 a.m. The Dr. Susan Block Show #1 - Horny Housewife C
12:30 a.m. Frank Moore's Unlimited Possibilities Stoney Burke

Tuesday, July 10

Community Bulletin Board

8 a.m. B-TV Bowl-A-Thon Tape 1
9:30 a.m. B-TV Bowl-A-Thon Tape 2
11 a.m. Video Culture
11:30 a.m. Alexander Haig's World Business Review A
12 p.m. Watch This! Express Studio Replay from Monday 5:30pm
12:30 p.m. People's Video Network
1 p.m. Homegrown
1:30 p.m. Celebrate Life - Choosing Life
2 p.m. A Boy and His Dog Another Show
3 p.m. Live with Rick Sylvain #120
3:30 p.m. Just Trying To Sleep, II
4:30 p.m. Trailer Trash Series #2
5 p.m. San Francisco Classical Guitar Society #52

5:30 p.m. Poetry Festival 2000 #10
6 p.m. Universe of Yahweh #6:30 p.m. Bay Area Musicians Showcase S.F. Mallet Band
7 p.m. City Council Meeting LIVE
Wednesday, July 11
Community Bulletin Board
8 a.m. City Council Meeting Replay from TUESDAY
1:30 p.m. Poetry Festival 2000 #10
2 p.m. Who's In My Kitchen The Brewery Tour
2:30 p.m. Universe of Yahweh #3 p.m. Bay Area Musicians Showcase S.F. Mallet Band
3:30 p.m. Free Speech TV #1
5:30 p.m. Great Pets Express Studio LIVE
6 p.m. It's Healing Time The Holy Ghost Sends Believers Out for the Work Sake (Pt. 2)
6:30 p.m. The Visitors - BCM Intern Show
7 p.m. CircusKinesis
8 p.m. Homegrown
8:30 p.m. Sheila O Show #20

9 p.m. The Word Featuring Ephesian Church
10 p.m. People's Video Network
10:30 p.m. Film Time - Oh Brother, Where Art Thou Robin Williams Segment
11 p.m. NASA TV NTV Video File & Television Gallery
1 a.m. Analog Rhythms
Thursday, July 12
Community Bulletin Board
8 a.m. NASA TV - NTV Video File
9 a.m. Sheila O Show #20
9:30 a.m. Film Time - Oh Brother, Where Art Thou Robin Williams Segment
10 a.m. The Word Featuring Ephesian Church
11 a.m. CircusKinesis
12 p.m. Free Speech TV Wk-Tape #1
2 p.m. Great Pets Express Studio Replay from Wednesday 5:30pm
2:30 p.m. It's Healing Time The Holy Ghost Sends Believers Out

for the Work Sake (Pt. 2)
3 p.m. On The Move Easter Seals at Timpany
3:30 p.m. Bay Point Teen Video Project
4:30 p.m. Intrepid Berkeley Explorer Gringo in the Classroom
5:30 p.m. Boredom Buster Summer Solstice Sunset
6 p.m. Alexander Haig's World Business Review B
6:30 p.m. Duck Duck Goose Books 2
7 p.m. Gospel Search: Express Studio LIVE
8 p.m. Back Stage Passes for fer/Ray J
8:30 p.m. Video Feedback Reddi Case
9 p.m. Kaleidoscope #3
9:30 p.m. Chat Room Show
10 p.m. Sound Gallery
10:30 p.m. Reality Check
11 p.m. MTV #8
11:30 p.m. The Blue Line
12 a.m. Frank Moore's Unlimited Possibilities Stoney Burke

Discussion series on 'Ancient Native Sites of the East Bay'

The Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association invites you to attend a summer series of talks and discussions on Ancient Native Sites of the East Bay in room 160 Kroeber Hall, University of California Campus, Bancroft Way at College Avenue; Kroeber Hall also houses the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Museum. Discussions are at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 26: Andrew Galvan, an Ohlone Indian and co-owner of an archeological firm, Archaeor (Greek for "old things"), will discuss and share the benefits of osteological studies of prehistoric human skeletal remains. Prof. Ed Luby, research archaeologist for the Berkeley Natural History Museums, will discuss his work on mortuary feasting practices.

Thursday, Aug. 2: A panel discussion on Ancient Sites featuring Sandra Sheer, freehand historian and author of "The Native Legacy of Emeryville," Richard Schwartz, author of Circle of Stones and Berkeley 1900; Perry Matlock, native advocate and volunteer with the international Indian Treaty Council; and Randy Grandin, explorer of West Contra Costa County native sites. Stephanie Manning, moderator

Thursday, Aug. 9: Sean Dexter, archaeologist with URS Woodward Clyde, will discuss the recent Data Recovery Program at the Emeryville Shellmound/South Bayfront site. Jakki Kehl, a Mutsun Ohlone, will discuss protecting cultural resources by developing partnerships and encouraging good stewardship of the land.

Thursday, Aug. 16: Christopher Sore, Cultural Manager, Garcia and Associates, Principal, Archaeological Mapping Specialists, and Research Fellow, Archaeological Research Facility, will discuss "Space and Place at Two East Bay Shellmounds." Jason Claiborne, archaeologist with Archeotec, Inc., will discuss his recent work and the delicate position of playing "archaeo-police" versus serving the client in a talk entitled "Insuring the Future of the Past."

Cost is \$10 per evening; \$35 for the series. For information, call 510-841-2242 or 510-841-8562, or go to berkeleyheritage.com. Allow time for parking. The nearest pay lot is under the adjacent tennis courts west of the Hearst Museum.

REUNIONS

Pacific High School, Class of 1981, in San Leandro is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, July 14, at the Waterfront Plaza Hotel in Oakland. Call 800-445-2527 or 916-489-1992, or e-mail PHS1981Reunion@aol.com.

Pacific High School's All Class Reunion will begin Friday, July 20, with a dance at the Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center, followed by a "Bring Your Own Picnic" on Saturday, July 21, at the school, 1201 Teagarden St., San Leandro. Write to Pacific High School All Class Reunion, c/o Stough, 1527 Fountain St., Alameda, CA (94501-3131), or e-mail Gari at gbcreeque@aol.com.

Liberty Union High School, Class of 1991, is holding its 10-year reunion on Saturday, July 21, at the Black Diamond Brewing Company in Walnut Creek. Contact Tina Pedersen at 925-684-9893 or Jennifer Heath at 925-979-0407.

Pleasant Hill High School graduates are holding an "all-classes" reunion picnic at 11 a.m., Sunday, July 29, at Pleasant Hill Park, Area #1. Bring your own food. Contact Christine (Looney) Grecculus at 925-674-8400 or 925-685-3991.

Hogan High School, Class of 1966, will be holding its 35-year reunion Friday, Aug. 10-Sunday, Aug. 12, in the Vallejo area. Deadline for reservations is May 15. Contact JoAnn (Henkel) Mansfield at 707-553-8342, or Peggy (Huvelier) Piccolo at 707-257-6047.

Mt. Diablo High School, Class of 1971, is celebrating its 30-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 11, with a dinner-dance at the Concord

Sheraton. Call 925-676-5253, 925-756-7144 or 209-656-1738.

Concord High School, Class of 1981,

is planning its 20-year reunion for Aug. 18 and organizers are trying to locate classmates. Call 925-695-2021, ext. 3475, or e-mail CHS1981@onebox.com.

Vallejo High School, Class of 1951, is holding its 50-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Vallejo Elks Club. Contact Barbara (Butler) Holbrook at 707-255-8706 or Marjorie (West) Christensen at 707-224-4880.

Clayton Valley High School, Class of 1981, is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Concord Hilton. Contact Great Reunions at 800-655-7971.

Pinole Valley High School, Class of 1986, is celebrating its 15-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 25, at Scott's Restaurant in Walnut Creek. Contact Kelly (Emry) Davis at 925-674-0823.

Pleasant Hill High School, Class of 1961, is celebrating its 40-year reunion on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Walnut Creek; a picnic will be held Sunday, Aug. 26, at Roger Smith Park in Pleasant Hill. Contact Kathy Fairbanks Jackson at 925-754-1952 or e-mail Beverly Hannon Runyen at bjflamingo@aol.com.

Pacific High School, classes of 1956-1976, will celebrate an all-class reunion on Friday, Aug. 31-Sunday, Sept. 2. Seeking classmates from the once-West Pittsburg school. Call Teri at 925-679-1140 Diana 937-320/2276 or check the Web site at www.spartanulmni.com for more information.

Novato High School, Class of 1961, is holding its 40-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 8, and Sunday, Sept. 9. Organizers are searching for classmates; contact Karoline (Eickel) Esquivel at 415-883-1720 or Bob Porteous at 530-

246-0454.

Liberty High School, Class of 1981, is planning its 20-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 8, at the Sheraton Concord Hotel. Contact Paula Lorenzetti at 925-778-3352.

Northgate High School, Class of 1976, is celebrating its 25-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Concord Hilton. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527.

Ygnacio Valley High School, Class of 1976, is holding its 25-year reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Concord Hilton. Contact Class Encounters at 800-445-2527.

Arroyo High School, Class of 1971, is planning its 30-year reunion for Saturday, Sept. 15. Classmates call 925-455-8539, 925-447-9356, 925-846-5232.

Concord High School, Class of 1971, is celebrating its 30-year reunion with a dinner-dance Saturday, Sept. 15, and a family picnic Sunday, Sept. 16. Register with www.classmates.com; contact nickeboras@aol.com with questions.

Liberty Union High School, classes of 1959-1962, are holding a joint class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 15, at the Legion Hall, First and Maple in Brentwood. Contact Allen Davis at 925-757-0383 (1959); Lupe (Martinez) Berumen at 925-634-1029 (1960); Dorothy (Sciortino) Marchio at 925-684-3825 (1961); or Barbara (Baroni) Ghiselli at 925-634-2509 (1962).

Las Lomas High School, Class of 1961, is celebrating its 40-year reunion on Friday, Sept. 21, followed by a dinner Saturday, Sept. 22, at Embassy Suites Hotel in Walnut Creek. Contact Joan Vallejo Kiley at 925-829-5177, or e-mail jvallejokiley@aol.com.

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Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

Ecology Center presents its Berkeley Farmers Market Annual Peach Tastings, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 14. Participants sample free the entire range of peach varieties at the market. Varieties include Elegant Lady, Summer Sweet, Red Top, Sun Crest, Red Haven, Nectar, etc. There will also be sampling of nectaries, plums, and apricots. The market is located at Center St. at MLK Jr. Way. For more information, call 548-3333 or visit the Web site at www.ecologycenter.org.

Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

The Berkeley Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner is 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, July 12 at the Radisson Hotel Berkeley Marina, 200 Marina Blvd. Tickets: \$60 per person. \$440 per table of 8. For more information, call the Chamber at 549-7003.

Assemblywoman Dion Aronson (D-Berkeley) presents "The Fifth Vital Sign," a public hearing on AB 487 Remediation of Under Prescribing Pain Medication from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 12 at North Berkeley

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Meetings

Assemblywoman Dion Aroner (D-Berkeley) convenes a hearing 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 12 at North Berkeley Senior Center, 1902 Hearst Ave., to hear testimony from patients, their families and physicians regarding legislation (AB 487) addressing the under-prescription of pain medication for patients experiencing severe pain. For more information, call 540-3660.

Music

La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., presents *La Onda Chicana* with Quetzal and special guest X-Roads at 8 p.m. Friday, July 6. From East Los Angeles Quetzal's music and spirited attitude draw from traditional influences. X-Roads is part of the neo-folk funk movement. Led by Paris King and Kimiko Joy, X-Roads combines acoustic jams with electronic and funk. Tickets: \$12. Call 849-2568 for more information.

Religion

Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, presents Sylvia Gretchen speaking on "Mind and Mental Events," 6 p.m. Sunday, July 8. Gretchen discusses how to look at mind and states of mind in new ways. This is a free event. For more information, call 843-6812.

Theater, Dance & Film

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., continues its "Sundays at the BRJCC Cinema" series with "Street Scene—1931," 2 to 4:30 p.m. Elmer Rice's Pulitzer prize-winning play is enhanced by performances from Sylvia Sydney, King Victor and David Landau. \$2 suggested donation. Peer-

led discussion following movie. Call 848-0237 for more information.

Speakeasy Theatre, 2016 7th St., presents Lyle Kessler's "Orphans" Friday, July 13 through Sunday Aug. 5, no performance July 20. Preview Thursday, July 12, Times: 8 p.m. Friday through Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday. Orphans tells the tale of a mysterious stranger who invades the home of two orphaned brothers, and shatters their sheltered world of

crime and self-deception. Tickets: \$15 general. For ticket and reservations call 326-8493. For more information about the performance, call 415-831-2222.

Pacific Film Archive continues its series "In the Line of Fire. Films by Israeli Director Amos Gitai" through August 2. The 16 films are presented in association with the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival and the Consulate General of Israel in San Francisco. Gitai appears in

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Section D

Classic Classics 1941 Cadillac convertible sedan — one of 400 [D2]



DODGE STRATUS features AutoStick, a device that lets you drop out of automatic mode and increase acceleration.

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JULIA PARK
My First Car

The beast'
or how I
learned to drive

When I learned how to drive, I knew nothing about cars. All I knew was what I had learned in the portable classroom at my high school. The thin pages of the California Department of Motor Vehicles handbook offered plenty of theoretical information, what-ifs and what-nots, but nothing in the way of practical how-tos. In that classroom, awash with fluorescent light, crowded with graffiti-embellished wooden desks, I took my turn at the driving console to test my reflexes. When the light changed from green to red, "Hit the brakes," we were told. I did, though how fast my reflexes were, I can't say; still, I was acquiring a valuable skill. I was learning how to drive, how to go from A to B in a new kind of mode. At home on the backroads of Sonoma, in 12 acres of empty fields and fallen-down chicken coops, I had learned to ride a horse and drive a pony cart. I could roller-skate and ride a bicycle; I could roller-skate backwards.

I knew nothing of cars. In my mind, they were like wayward beasts that had to be held to a tight rein. I saw they'd veer from the trail. With a pony cart, one would have to be careful not to turn too quickly. The whole thing would tip over. A horse of balance surely helped. On roller skates or a bicycle, one must go far without a little effort, I knew I would have to push and on a gas or brake pedal to make the car respond. On the other

When you buy your next car, do you want to make a bold statement? With a Dodge Stratus in your driveway, neighbors will see a great exclamation point.

The all-new 2001 Stratus comes in two shapes and various models. I drove the Stratus sedan ES model, but the coupes are equally eye-catching. Although some people gravitate toward the coupe, I prefer the convenience of the sedan with rear doors. Either way, the Stratus has an aggressive-looking front end, emphasized by the cab-forward design, giving the illusion of

a tiger ready to pounce.

The Stratus has been in the Dodge showroom since 1995, and each year DaimlerChrysler has tweaked it in some manner. This year, however, there is a complete makeover with distinct changes including performance.

My tester had a 2.7-liter V-6 engine that produced 200 horsepower and 192 ft.-lbs. of torque linked to a four-speed automatic transmission. With normal driving, drivers can anticipate respectable fuel economy: 20 city and 29 highway.

This powerplant doesn't exactly

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

put the Stratus in the fast lane, but there is something to maximize acceleration: AutoStick. By dropping out of the automatic mode into AutoStick, I was able shift gears with a simple nudge on the shifter. This action allows the engine to remain in a lower gear while revving up to higher speed. The process is similar to what can be achieved with a manual transmission, except shift-

ing with AutoStick is faster and easier.

The overall size of the Stratus makes it enjoyable for riding rural roads, as well as zipping into tight parking spaces. In other words, I felt very comfortable behind the wheel.

Of course, performance is a two-way street. If a car increases speed but loses control, the only thing that accelerates is the driver's heart. The Dodge engineers used steel unibody construction with isolated rear suspension crossmembers, independent MacPherson struts, multi-

link coil springs and stabilizer bars — all working in concert. The combination provides a very solid-handling vehicle that responds quickly and precisely to the driver's input.

There is another side to the bold design of the Stratus — the inside. Considering that this vehicle is a mid-size sedan, the interior is spacious and roomy. The instrumentation is straightforward and has components that require buttons or dials that are easy to understand and operate. Even the cargo area has

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1941 Cadillac convertible sedan is a rare model

Bryce Frey's first car, a used 1941 Cadillac convertible coupe, served him well. Nevertheless, he traded it in on a postwar Cadillac hardtop coupe, which in turn became the down payment for an early 1950s Cadillac.

Eventually, realizing he most enjoyed driving his 1941 model, Frey commenced a search to replace his first Cadillac. The year was 1961, and 1941 model cars were not antiques, merely very used cars. Young Frey outdid himself in the search. He not only found a 1941 Cadillac convertible, but a convertible sedan, one of only 400 such models manufactured. The shabby car was located on the back of a car lot in Culver City with 75,000 miles recorded on the odometer.

"It was very run down," Frey remembers. Still, it was a 1941 model, and a rare one to boot. He bought the Cadillac for \$300 in January 1961. Twenty years earlier it had been sold new for a base price of \$1,965 at a Los Angeles Cadillac dealership.

Frey was soon driving his black beauty around Southern California. "The top was so rotten," Frey explains, "that the seams popped when I put it down." Thereafter, because he was young and lived in the land of endless sunshine, he drove another year or so with no top at all.

By 1965 the 1941 vehicle was ailing mechanically. Frey obtained a 1940 Cadillac limousine, which came in handy. He attached the two ancient Cadillacs with a tow bar and set off for the nation's capital. "I was young and idiotic," reflects Frey

VERN PARKER

Classic Classics

from a distance of 36 years.

Once Frey moved into his new home, he settled his maturing 1941 Cadillac convertible sedan behind the garage under a tarp for the next quarter-century. While the 4,230-pound Cadillac languished in the backyard, Frey slowly collected parts and pieces for the inevitable restoration. Additionally, he began gathering bolt-on speed equipment for the 346-cubic-inch flathead V-8 engine. Early day hot rodders, who didn't believe the stock 150 horsepower was enough, favored Edmunds aluminum dual carburetor intake manifolds and dual exhaust systems. Frey found such parts while the getting was good.

Fifty years after the Cadillac was built, and 30 years after Frey had bought it, he decided to give the rare car a second life. Although the parts and pieces he collected were helpful, even more were needed, including a front clip in far better condition than the original.

The Cadillac was black when Frey purchased it. However, as the sedan was stripped to bare bones, the exposed factory numbers indicated it had left the factory wearing a coat of Berkeley gray with a maroon-and-gray leather interior, accented by maroon carpeting and a tan top.

If that color combination was good in 1941, Frey decided it was good enough for 1991. Wide whitewall 7.00x15-inch tires on red



ONE OF ONLY 400 BUILT by Cadillac, this 1941 convertible sedan possesses a 346-cubic-inch flathead V-8

wheels highlighted the exterior 50 years ago. Frey now runs 8.20x15-inch tires on the 126-inch wheelbase to enhance the already cushy ride.

The drivetrain was rebuilt, and seven quarts of fresh oil were added. The eighth quart wasn't necessary because there is no oil filter. It took 25 quarts of coolant to keep the temperature under control, and the gasoline tank swallowed 20 gallons of fuel. The battery is a 6-volt positive ground. The three-speed manual transmission remains smooth and steady. The convertible top is supported by three bows, in addition to the windshield header, and is raised and lowered manually on chrome-plated hinges.

The well-appointed interior features a pair of courtesy lights to il-

luminate the rear seat. In the rear of the front seat is a cigarette light and ashtray. In the center of the wood-grained dashboard is a seven push-button radio above the chrome-beaded speaker face. The antenna is vacuum operated. The 100-mph speedometer is flanked by temperature, battery, gasoline and oil gauges.

The Cadillac was reconstructed in far better condition than when Frey bought it. He finds the powerful V-8 engine runs strong, even

though the fuel economy remains constant between 11 and 12 mpg. "No matter what you do, the mileage never fluctuates," he says.

Since the restoration, Frey has driven his rare Cadillac to antique-auto events. On each trip, the spare tire, stored horizontally under a shelf in the trunk, has remained undisturbed. If Frey ever does have a flat tire, hopefully it will occur on one of the front tires. Then he won't have to contend with the rear fender skirts emblazoned with the Cadillac wreath

and crest emblem. Frey says of his convertible sedan, "It's a view even dynamic new cars

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Keane

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good dimensions, allowing me to carry four large boxes with ease. Incidentally, the trunk also has a cargo net, one of many thoughtful features included in this car.

The Stratus comes equipped with numerous niceties, such as power windows with an express-down feature on the driver's window.

The owner can program the rolling locks. Standard equipment also includes power outside mirrors, tilt steering column, power trunk release, and a center front armrest/console with two storage bins. The base price of \$20,465 even includes front and rear carpet mats, something other manufacturers tack on as an extra, plus numerous other desirable features.

If you want to spend more, the ES model has the options of 16-inch aluminum wheels, leather

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hand, like ice skating backwards, the whole thing looked deceptively easy, but with a little practice I could soon show off my graces. After months of waiting, I got my chance.

When Mr. Donovan came out of the building and unlocked the car, he barked at me, "You first." I exchanged glances with Raymond, who, cool and self-assured, shrugged and got into the back seat. I got into the front seat and closed the door, the vinyl chilly against the back of my legs. Devin and his friends jostled together and waited for the fun.

Mr. Donovan handed me the key and I pushed it into the ignition. I

had never done this thing before. I didn't even know which way to turn it. Guessing, I got it the first time, and the engine started with a satisfying roar. I waited for Mr. Donovan to tell me what to do next, to teach me how to drive.

"Well?" he growled. "Drive it out of the lot."

I took the wheel tightly in my hands, knowing that if I didn't hold on, it would jerk away and we'd all die a grisly death.

Gingerly, I eased one hand down to the automatic gear shift on the steering column. Gotta shift it into Drive, I thought. I knew that much. I pushed my foot down onto the gas as hard as I could, determined to control the beast, and shifted.

The stick popped into Reverse

and we shot backward a good 10 feet before Donovan's foot stomped the teacher's emergency brake. All of us lurched forward as we stopped, my forehead bouncing off the steering wheel. Devin and his friends howled with laughter outside, some of them actually falling on the lawn and rolling. Cool Raymond adjusted his sunglasses and looked out the side window, doubtless imagining himself elsewhere. Mr. Donovan reached over and pushed the stick back into Park, keeping his foot hard on the teacher's brake.

"I can see," he said, "that we're going to have to start at the beginning."

Julia Park is an East Bay journalist and fiction writer.

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2001 BMW X5 4.4i, sport sedan meets sport utility

What would happen if you married a sport utility vehicle to a German sports sedan? BMW basically did that and named the offspring the X5.

The X5 lineup expands by one member with a new, six-cylinder model joining the original V-8-powered 4.4i model. The 225-horsepower 3.0i is priced at \$10,000 less than the 4.4i's base sticker price of \$40,000. The X5 is a multipurpose vehicle, rather than a traditional SUV. BMW calls it, "the first Sport Activity Vehicle." It's on a full-time all-wheel drive system. There are no locking differentials, no undercarriage protection and, of aggressive off-road use is not offered. If all of these things suggest to you that the X5 is geared primarily towards lesser of two craters, for example.



KEN PERKINS/STAFF

BMW X5 is a 'Sport Activity Vehicle' but not for aggressive off-road 'sports activities.'

DAN LYONS
Get Off the Road

With a family heritage of fine performance cars, the X5's fine road manners aren't surprising. BMW automobiles are known for their balanced, driver-oriented personalities. On-road handling is as close to sport sedan level as any sport utility vehicle currently produced. BMW's Dynamic Stability Control system enhances the X5's performance in cornering or any situation where sudden, sharp moves — such as accident avoidance — are required. Braking is strong and sure.

The silken, 4.4-liter V-8 offers eye-opening performance. A lead foot, a stop watch and a little practice yield zero to 60 mph in the 7.0-second range. If one of your guilty pleasures is getting the spotlight drop on sports cars, this is the ute for you! The sports car, unfortunately, will probably catch up and pass as you turn off to hit the gas station. EPA rates the X5 4.4i at 13 mpg city and 17 mpg highway, and my road test netted a tick over 16 miles per gallon. For those who tow, the X5 4.4i is rated at a healthy 6,000 lb. capacity.

On the inside, the X5 looks and acts the role of a proper luxury sedan. It has a comfortable, functional and cushy cabin, as befits the purchase price. The front seats are infinitely adjustable and long-trip comfortable. Controls are, for the most part, easy to find and easy to use. The exception is the optional dual function GPS Navigation System/Premium Sound System. While both of these systems do their jobs well, adjusting them takes too much of the driver's attention.

The X5 suffers from typical SUV visibility concerns. The look back is hampered by a narrow window, rear-seat headrests and a tall tail. The rear cargo area measures 16.1 cubic feet; 54.4 cu. ft. when rear seats are folded forward. The back hatch is a two-piece clamshell-type design, less convenient than a one-piece swing-up door would be.

It's a tough job to serve two masters well, but the X5 carries it off with as much aplomb as any SUV in the market. Luxury buyers in search of one vehicle to handle their on-road, light off-road and towing needs with elegance and assurance will find the X5 a "must add" to their short list.

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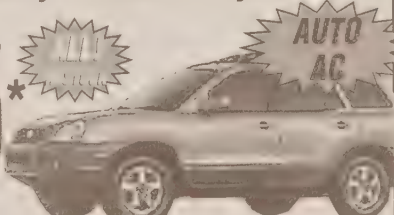
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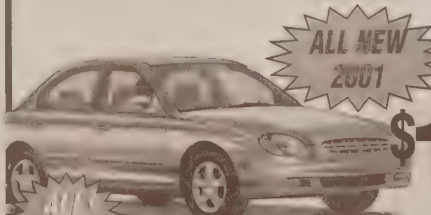
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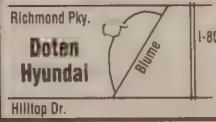
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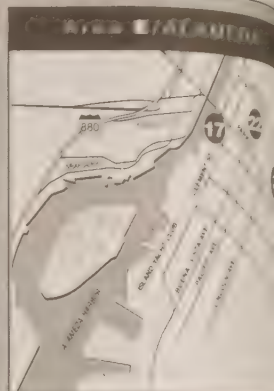
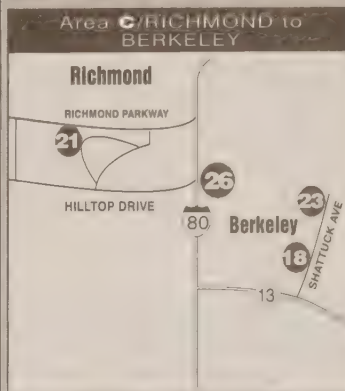
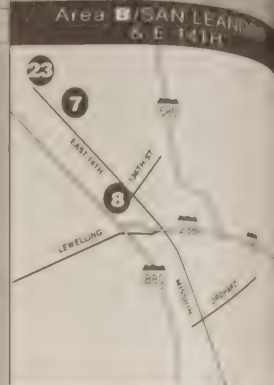
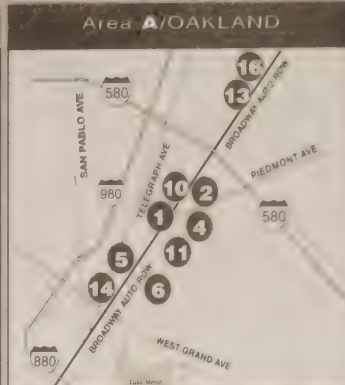
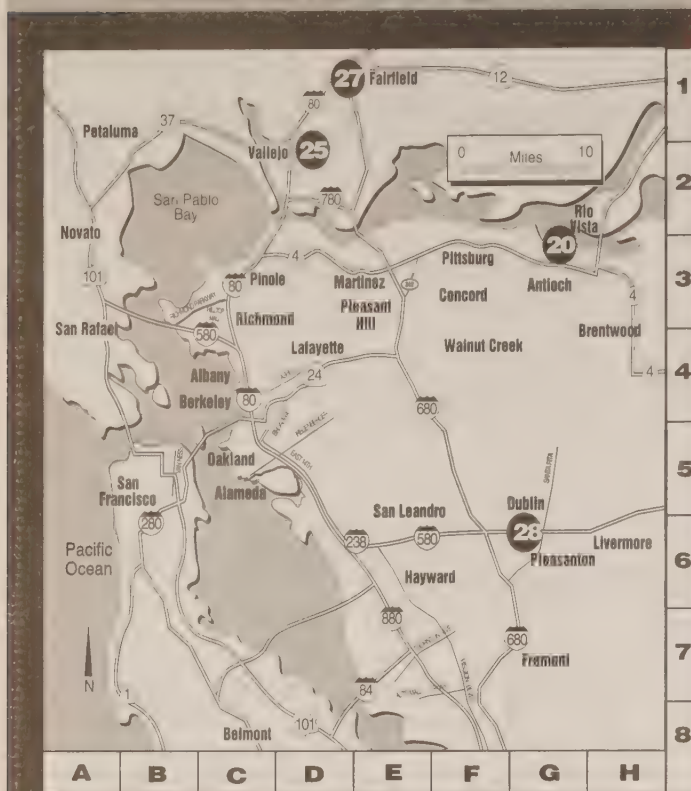
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As soaring gas prices, there is a resurgence of automotive devices designed to increase gas mileage. These devices have been evaluated by experts and appear to be a better double-digit gas-mileage saver.

The Tornado Air Management System is a device that fits inside a carburetor or a fuel-injected engine's air intake tube. The device is made of a lightweight plastic and is designed to increase the flow of air into the engine.

The Tornado produces a "turbulent" effect of sorts in the air charge, "better fuel atomization," producing more horsepower and a cleaner "burn," significantly reducing emissions.

Kim of Tornado Air Management System says the fuel-saving device, which is backed by 10 years of research, allows automobiles to move faster and more efficiently by continuously whirling air around corners and bends, resulting in increased fuel mileage of up to 10 percent.

Don Bell, department chair of Saddleback College's Automotive Technology department, was skeptical when he first heard about this device.

In dynamometer tests performed by the college, the staff realized a gain of 20 additional horsepower in a 1991 Honda 1.5L, and an increase of 12 extra horsepower in a 1996 Pontiac 3.4L.

Both vehicles also had a 10-percent increase in fuel economy according to official Saddleback College Automotive Department test data.

The Tornado sells for \$69 and is easy to install. You may order directly from the company at 800/500-8880 or visit www.tornadoair.com. The product is available from J.C. Whitney, Camping World, performance shops and through a limited number of new car dealerships.

The MPG Booster, manufactured by Energon L.L.C., is a device that the company claims will increase the fuel mileage of most gasoline-powered automotive engines by an average of 33 percent.

Tony Bianco, of Elgin, Ill., invented the device and a patent is pending. The U.S. Department of Energy and the EPA have stated that only about 15 percent of the gasoline that goes into a car is used to move it, the rest is wasted.

According to Bianco, "The MPG Booster re-captures and eliminates some of that waste by helping the

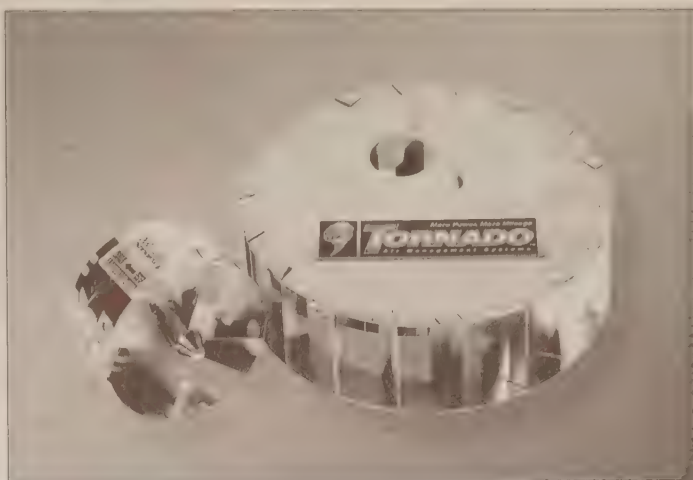
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engine burn gasoline more completely."

Independent testing of the device was performed at the Performance Technical Center owned by Geoff Skorupa. According to Skorupa, "We ran a 2001 GMC Yukon on a chassis dynamometer, first as it came from the factory, then with the MPG Booster attached. The results were amazing." There was a 36.7 percent increase in fuel efficiency. The engine's horsepower increased by 5. Subsequent tests confirmed the MPG Booster added approximately 4.5 mpg to the Yukon. Additionally, Tech 2 computer diagnostics showed there were no adverse effects, such as higher engine temperature.

Part of the testing also included a five-gas emissions test, the same gases regulated by most states. According to Mike Gustafson of Vetronix Sales Corp., "We ran a five-minute test on the vehicle with and without the MPG Booster. Four of the five gases tested remained unchanged, but the NO₂ emissions decreased by 88 percent when the MPG Booster was used."

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Does your personalized license plate say "VICTIM"? That's unlikely, maybe your car is transmitting a message anyway. It's important with the summer driving season and more women taking to the open road, often alone, that you not venture out unaware of the risks of such travel.

If you (or a college-age daughter, a favorite niece or a female neighbor) are planning a summer road trip, here are some ideas about solo travel that could make you safer.

Opt for stealth — Driving an unmarked convertible, enjoying your streaming in the wind, blaring CD player, showing bare shoulders, displaying your nickname on a license plate, sporting a bumper

sticker announcing that you are free and fun loving — all of these behaviors are certainly your right. However, if you choose to exercise that right, you must be prepared to deal with the attention it could bring. Some of that attention might not be benign. Your message may be innocent exuberance, but others could interpret it differently.

For trips into the world beyond your immediate neighborhood, it's safer for you to view the sights rather than becoming one of them. If you have a choice, make your vehicle an inconspicuous one with anonymous license plates and no provocative bumper stickers. The idea is to limit unwanted interaction between you and occupants of other cars or people you encounter in gas stations, tourist attractions and motel parking lots. Not that you want to avoid all contact with strangers on the way, but starting with more neutral coloring grants

you latitude in initiating overtures.

Prepare your car — Before leaving for your trip have your car checked carefully, particularly for anything that might strand you on the highway. Replace frayed belts, check the oil, inspect the tires for improper wear, top up window-washer reservoirs, etc.

But, don't have repairs made and depart immediately. Allow several days shakedown between the work and hitting the road. That interval allows time for correcting anything done wrong.

If you have never changed a tire on your car, run a test pit stop to be sure you can do it if you have to. Outfit the car with maps. Join an automobile club, such as the AAA, for free maps and travel guides with listings of motels and restaurants. Put together an emergency kit and pack it in the car. Include flashlight and batteries, flares, gloves for dirty work, reflective tape, bottled water,

rain gear, trail mix, first-aid kit, change of shoes and socks, large plastic garbage bags (useful for covering the ground or the upholstery, as well as carrying things or — with head and arm holes cut — keeping people dry. You might even toss in one of those folding canvas chairs and a paperback. A handheld Global Positioning System is also useful to tell within a car's length exactly where on the planet you are.

Prepare yourself — Even if your vehicle is roomy, don't take your entire closet with you. Pack wisely. For safety's sake, you should take everything in your car into your room at night.

A less secure alternative is to cover the contents in a large matte-black cloth, such as felt. I call this a "disappearing cloth," and it does seem to make the car's contents invisible to people walking by.

Don't carry a purse; wear it. I've

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found the ideal travel garb to be a vest with many, many pockets (often called a "photographer's vest." Such a garment can turn you into a walking file cabinet — credit card and driver's license in one pocket, cash in another, make-up in another, etc. Not carrying a purse keeps you from walking off without it somewhere or encouraging a thief to grab it off the seat of your car.

Take a cell phone. Rent one if you don't own one, making sure it is one most likely to have service where you are going. Before leaving home enter numbers of family and friends, your automobile club,

your insurance agent, etc. And more suggestions:

Only pick up hitchhikers you could carry in the palm of your hand.

Never stop to help anyone on the highway (phone for help instead), and politely refuse help through a barely open window if you are stranded.

Park under lights near the office of your motel and opt for an upstairs room if possible.

Prearrange times to check in by phone with family or friends.

Stay alert and observant.

Underpowered conversion van must work very hard

Dear Doctor: Last September I purchased a 2000 Chevrolet Express high-top conversion van with the 4.3-liter, six-cylinder engine.

My problem concerns the fourth gear in the transmission. There is a vibration that starts at 44 mph through 50 mph when I am driving alone.

If I have my family in the van, the vibration starts at 38 mph. I have been back to the dealer and also asked mechanics about the vibration.

GM says there is nothing that can be done about the problem and I should blame it on the federal emissions regulation.

Can I file under the lemon law?

Dear Ron: A six-cylinder engine in a full-size van is working just about at maximum output without a lot of extra weight.

Add the extra weight of the conversion option, and I would say under some conditions, the van is underpowered.

The 4.3-liter V-6 does have some normal vibration. The problem you're having sounds like the transmission torque converter is going up too early.

Alldata lists technical service bulletin # 99-06-04-03 for reprogramming the computer to update transmission shifting.

GM is limited to the amount of programming that it can do. I suggest you try the transmission update.

If that does not work, drive in D until you reach 55 mph. There are aftermarket companies that sell reprogrammers that will delay upshifting and converter lockup.

As for the lemon law, rules differ by state. You can ask for a GM buy-back toward a new van with a

Dear Doctor: I own a 1985 Subaru that had a stalling problem. A shop tried several times to fix the problem without success. I went to the Subaru dealer and the

mechanic replaced the computer, fixed the problem.

The problem I have now is the "check engine" light is on. The

dealer said he would need to check each system.

I just spent \$300 on the stalling repair. What can be wrong and how much will it cost? George

Dear George: The "check engine" light comes on when there is a problem with the electronic engine management or emission system.

The computer system will need to be checked for trouble codes, which will need to be known before a cost can be determined. It could be a minor repair.

Dear Doctor: We own a 1992 Buick LeSabre. My concern is the lights will flicker when the engine is running.

My mechanic checked the car and said nothing was wrong. Any suggestions will be appreciated. Walter

Dear Walter: It sounds like there is problem with the alternator. Have the technician unplug the alternator and start the engine.

Next, reconnect the alternator, start the engine, and check the alternator voltage and amps. If there is still a question, get a second opinion from another shop.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1989 Oldsmobile Delta 88. It jerks when I put the transmission in reverse. What could be wrong? Dorris

Dear Dorris: Have the engine mounts and transmission pressure tested. If both engine mounts and transmission line pressure are good, have the transmission fluid and filter changed, followed with a fluid flush.

Clean, fresh fluid sometimes makes a big change.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1997 Nissan Sentra. The "check engine" light comes on for a few days, then goes out. Is this something I should have checked? Mary

Dear Mary: In 1996, new vehicles had to be compliant with an upgraded computer system called OBDII.

With this on-board diagnostics system, a soft failure will set the "check engine" light.

And the light will also go out if the problem goes away; however,

the OBDII will hold the trouble code in memory.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 Nissan Altima with 18,000 miles. There is a loud jingling sound when the car is first started in the morning and I am shifting into gear.

The colder the outside temperature, the longer the sound lasts (about 30 seconds).

The dealer checked the oil pressure and said it was normal and that some Altima engines do make noise for a minute or so. Is the noise normal? Nina

Dear Nina: There are no technical service bulletins on your car. Sometimes it takes 30 seconds or so for oil pressure to build up and fill the hydraulic lifters and engine clearances.

My concern with your car is related to your statement that the noise is present when you put the car in gear.

I would like you to drop the car off overnight at another Nissan dealer or your local repair shop so a technician can start the engine cold and hear the sound.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 Ford Taurus LX. While driving at 40 mph, I feel a shimmy in the front. It will disappear between 45 to 60 mph and return from 65 to 70 mph.

The dealer balanced and replaced the front tires, as well as aligned the front end. The vibration is still there. What else can it be? Chris

Dear Chris: Have all four tires checked for proper balance at another shop. It is very important that the shop check the tire balance on the balancer before taking off any wheel weights.

There may be a faulty front-axle CV joint. I have seen and replaced many front-axle CV joints that cause vibration.

Dear Doctor: I am having an ongoing problem with the oil light in my 1995 Pontiac Grand Am. When I first turn the key the oil light will come on.

If I turn the key back off and on again, the oil light will not come back on. If I start the car with the oil light on, it will not go out with

the engine running.

When I shut the car off and restart the engine again, the oil light will not come on. Can you help? Dean

Dear Dean: I have seen many gauge problems on GM cars. In fact, Alldata lists technical service bulletin # 53-83-04 refers to inaccurate gauge problems. I have replaced many dash cluster assemblies on these cars.

Dear Doctor: I have had the transmission fluid flushed at 50,000 miles and again at 100,000 miles at the GMC dealer. The transmission has never given me a problem. Is it necessary to replace the transmission filter? Carl

Dear Carl: We own a GMC 1500 pickup 4x4 with 236,000 miles. We flush the transmission every 30,000 miles and have yet to pull the transmission pan to access the filter.

As long as the fluid has never turned brown and the transmission is not acting up, I would leave the filter alone.

I know others may disagree with this answer and I respect their opinions, but please remember that I operate a large shop and research every question I answer.

Dear Doctor: I am interested in purchasing a used Volvo 240. Will there be a problem getting parts in the next five years? Are there any problems that I should be aware of? Felix

Dear Felix: I service many 240 Volvos in my shop.

The 240 is a dependable car, though some of its problems include oil leaks and poor performing air-conditioning systems.

Dear Doctor: I own a four-cylinder 1996 Toyota Camry with 48,000 miles. Recently I took the car in for a transmission filter change. The technician showed me a sample of the transmission fluid. It was very dark and had a burnt smell.

He said the fluid should be red in color. He also said that there may be an internal transmission problem.

The transmission is shifting fine and not making any noises. Should

I be concerned? Jerry

Dear Jerry: Transmission fluid will discolor with time and mileage, especially in cars driven in the city.

Having the filter and fluid changed was a good idea. However, dropping the transmission pan and replacing the transmission filter gets only about 3.5 of the 9-plus quarts of old fluid out of the transmission.

I would also suggest a transmission fluid flush. A fluid flush machine will exchange/replace depending on the machine used, 12 to 14 quarts of fluid.

This method ensures a complete fluid change.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Mazda MPV minivan. At 20,000 miles the engine developed a strange engine noise when the vehicle was started.

The dealer replaced the fan belts and the noise lessened.

The dealer now claims that the tapping noise is normal in the Mazda MPV. I would like to get the matter resolved before the warranty expires. What should I do? The noise just seemed to appear at 20,000 miles. Robert

Dear Robert: Get an opinion on the noise from a local shop. Then go back to Mazda with the shop's opinion.

I would also talk with the Mazda customer assistance center and/or zone representative from Mazda.

The least that I would expect from Mazda is a no-charge 100,000-mile warranty. A small amount of engine noise is normal. Electric fuel injectors will make some noise, as will moving engine parts.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Geo Metro with 25,000 miles. Recently it has begun to stall when I put it in reverse or come to a stop.

My local mechanic has not been able to find the problem. He also said the use of no-name gas could cause the problem. Rose

Dear Rose: Many small shops do not have technicians with late model fuel-injection training or

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understand how the system works.

It takes constant training to keep up with the changing vehicles. It sounds like this is the case with your local shop.

You will need to take the car to the dealer or a shop familiar with the Geo Metro.

Carbon buildup or sludge in the throttle are common culprits in stalling at idle and can cause hesitation.

As for the no-name gas usage, I use unbranded in my own vehicles without any problems.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1991 Lexus ES 250. My problem is the airbag light stays on. My other problem is the electric cooling fan stays on, too. Could both problems be related? John

Dear John: The SRS airbag circuit needs to be checked for stored trouble codes. The SRS computer stores a trouble code to explain why the light is on.

As for the electric cooling fan light staying on, a check of the cooling fan circuit needs to be done. These problems are not related.

Dear Doctor: I have an ongoing fuse-blowing problem with my 1996 Pontiac Grand Am. It has blown six horn fuses since last August. I have had the car to the dealer three times. Each time the serviceman replaced the fuse, and the horn worked. What else can I do? Deborah

Dear Deborah: Intermittent shorts, such as your horn problem, can be very difficult to trace.

The first thing that the shop has to do is check to see if there are other accessories running on the same fuse. I have even seen an intermittent shorted horn cause the fuse to blow.

There is one option you can try: Have the shop put in a circuit breaker in place of the fuse.

Never use a higher amp fuse or circuit breaker than listed for any circuit.

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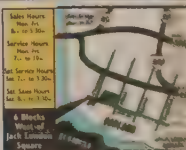
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
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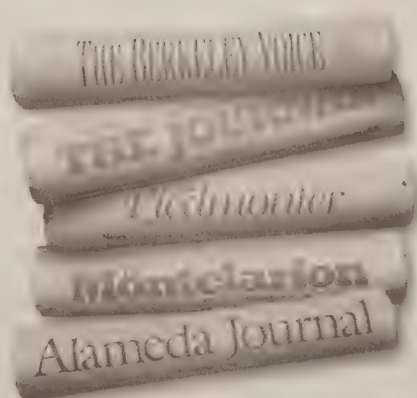
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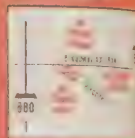
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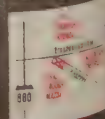
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Sure, said I. You dig up a few recipes, and I'll write the story. And all the while, I was thinking, yeah, a feature on salsa? How much do you say about salsa?

Little did I know that a day later, I would be inundated with salsa recipes, dishes cooked with salsa, and even a pineapple, for instance.

Not knowing enough about salsa other than it goes good with tortilla chips, I sought out advice from experts. And since I needed some stunning salsa photographs, I dragged in staff photographer, Ken Perkins, to help me.

It meant finding Mexican restaurants close to the Walnut Creek office.

It was difficult, at first, trying to explain to the managers what I needed. "You want pictures of salsa? Are you doing restaurant reviews?"

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We liked the upbeat approach "The Sleepover Cookbook" (Sterling, \$9.95), by Hallie Warshaw. The book is written for kids old enough to cook in the kitchen and an adult should always be around to help and/or supervise. The recipes — such as hot taco pizza, bite-size pizza and brownie bites — will appeal to younger kids and are clearly written and easy to execute.

The book is available at bookstores, or online at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

GOING DOWNSCALE

Grey Poupon, famous for its Dijon mustard, has taken on the ballpark crowd with a yellow variety. Most of us liked the tangy mustard, with a pleasant sharpness supplied by mustard seed, turmeric and paprika.

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GREY POUPON, famous for its Dijon mustard, takes on the ballpark crowd with yellow mustard.

Salsa

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bowl. Season with salt to taste.

Cranberry Salsa

Makes about 3 cups
2 cups fresh cranberries
4 teaspoons grated orange peel
2 large oranges, peeled (white membranes removed), chopped and drained
1/4 cup each minced onion and salad oil
1 tablespoon each minced fresh cilantro and fresh ginger
1 small fresh hot green (jalapeño or serrano) chile, seeded and minced

Chop cranberries in a food processor or blender, half at a time, combine cranberries, orange peel, drained oranges, onion, oil, cilantro, ginger and chile. Stir to blend; season with salt to taste.

This dish can be made a day ahead. Cover and refrigerate.

Chili-basted Chicken with Pineapple Salsa

Makes about 8 servings
Chili-lovers will enjoy this chicken. There's chili powder and cayenne pepper in the baste; liquid hot pepper seasoning heats up the fresh pineapple salsa served on the side.
2 frying chickens (about 3 1/2 pounds each)
1 teaspoon each chili powder and paprika
1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper (cayenne)
2 tablespoons salad oil
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
Pineapple Salsa (recipe follows)
Remove chicken necks and giblets; reserve for other uses, if desired. Discard lumps of fat. With poultry shears or a knife, cut through each chicken along both sides of the backbone. Discard backbones.

Place each chicken, skin side up, on a flat surface and press firmly, cracking breastbone slightly, until bird lies reasonably flat. Rinse and pat dry.

In a small bowl, smoothly blend chili powder, paprika, red pepper, oil and mustard. Brush evenly over chicken skin.

Place chickens, skin side up, on a lightly greased grill 4 to 6 inches above a solid bed of medium coals.

Put lid on barbecue, drafts open (or cover with a tent of heavy-duty foil).

Cook until meat near thighbone is no longer pink; cut to test (40-50 minutes).

Pineapple Salsa

1 small pineapple (about 3 pounds)
1 medium mild red onion, minced
3/4 cup fresh cilantro finely chopped
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
1/2 tablespoon liquid hot pepper seasoning

Cut the top from the pineapple. With a grapefruit knife, cut fruit from shell in chunks. Reserve shell and top.

Coarsely chop pineapple and place in colander to drain. In a bowl, stir together pineapple, onion, cilantro, wine and liquid hot pepper seasoning. Spoon salsa into pineapple shell; present top alongside, for effect.

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Lamb Shish Kebab dinner

BY ANNETTE GOOCH
COLE'S COOKING A TO Z

Armenian-style Shish Kebab made with lamb is worth trying, even if you're usually a beef eater. Kebabs prepared from a leg of lamb are far leaner and more tender than "stew meat," which comes from the less expensive but tougher shoulder cuts. Trimming all visible fat from the leg yields lean meat with a clean, pleasing flavor and almost no grease. Olive oil in the marinade keeps the meat moist during cooking while lemon juice, herbs and spices balance the natural richness of the meat.

In the recipe below, all the ingredients except the tomatoes are first threaded onto separate skewers and partially cooked, then rethreaded in alternating order to finish grilling. Eggplant roasted with garlic and dill, and, if you like, pilaf (from a mix or made from scratch) and a salad complete the meal.

Success tip:

For an aromatic presentation for shish kebab, before the final cooking, rethread the ingredients in alternating order on woody branches of rosemary, stem ends whittled to a point. Soak rosemary branches in water for 30 minutes before use.

For this recipe you'll need four long metal skewers.

Armenian-style Shish Kebab

1/2 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
3 large cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
1 tablespoon dry white wine
1 small bay leaf
Small pinches of salt, freshly ground

pepper, dried oregano and crumbled, dried rosemary leaves
2 pounds well-trimmed boneless leg of lamb (from a 4-pound half-leg of lamb), cut in 1 1/2-inch cubes
2 large onions, peeled and cut into 8 wedges each
2 large green bell peppers, cut into 8 pieces each
12 medium-large mushrooms, stemmed and wiped clean
2 large tomatoes, cored, cut into 8 wedges each, or 16 cherry tomatoes

1. In a large, lidded glass or ceramic container, mix olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, wine, bay leaf, salt, pepper, oregano and rosemary. Reserve 3 tablespoons of the marinade; cover and set aside in refrigerator. Place lamb into container with marinade, stir thoroughly, and refrigerate, covered, 24 hours, stirring occasionally.

2. Prepare a hot charcoal fire for direct-heat method of cooking. Drain lamb. Thread 3 separate skewers of onion, lamb cubes with green pepper, and mushrooms, basting green pepper and onion with some of the reserved marinade. Place skewers on grill, turning them frequently, and pre-cook as follows: onions, about 10 minutes; lamb with green pepper, about 7 minutes; mushrooms, about 2 minutes. Remove skewers from grill; cool slightly.

3. Use a meat fork to push ingredients off skewers; then rethread so that each of 4 skewers includes, in alternating order, some lamb, onion, green pepper, mushroom and raw tomato. Baste again with remaining marinade. Return skew-

ers to grill and, cook, turning frequently, until internal temperature of meat reaches 145 degrees (for medium rare), about 5 minutes more. Vegetables should be slightly blackened in spots and the tomatoes tender but not mushy. To serve, push meat and vegetables off skewers and onto individual serving plates.

Serves 4.

The eggplant looks best when cut on the diagonal to create oval slices. Salting the slices draws out any bitterness, leaving the flesh sweet-tasting and soft enough to absorb seasonings.

Roast Eggplant with Garlic and Dill

1 large globe eggplant
Salt, as needed
1/2 cup (approximately) olive oil
4 to 6 cloves garlic, peeled and sliced
2 tablespoons minced fresh dill
2 tablespoons pine nuts
2 tablespoons balsamic or red wine vinegar

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Peel eggplant, slice diagonally 1/4 inch thick, and spread slices in single layer on a rack. Sprinkle with salt. Let stand 30 minutes; rinse eggplant well in cold water and pat dry with paper towels.

2. Film a large baking pan with about 2 tablespoons of the olive oil. Place eggplant in pan in a single layer. Scatter garlic slivers evenly over eggplant. Sprinkle eggplant with dill; drizzle remaining olive oil



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over slices.
3. Place baking pan in top third of oven.
Bake 20 minutes.
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plant and bake until pine nuts are golden, garlic is brown, and eggplant is tender with some charring at edges (about 10 minutes longer).
4. Transfer eggplant slices to serving plate and drizzle with gar.
Let cool at least 5 minutes before serving.
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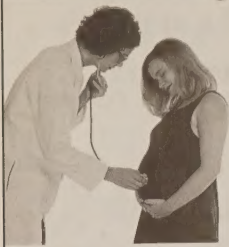
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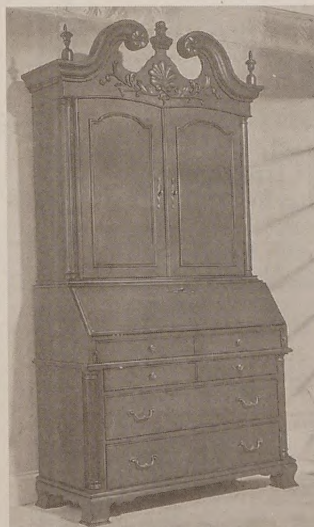
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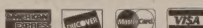
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